

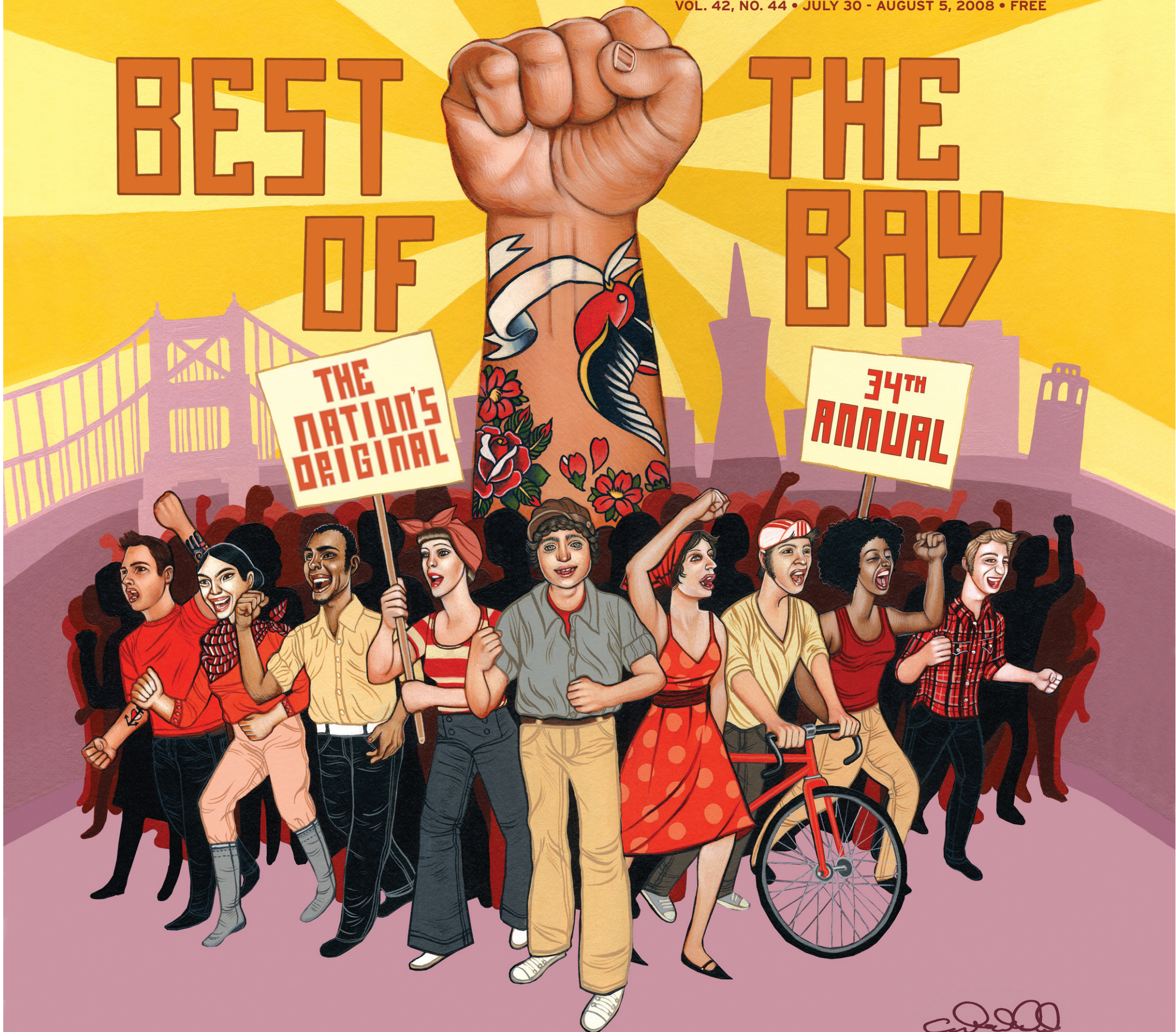
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Funding a covert war in Iran simply does not represent the interests or the will of California's 8th Congressional District.

EDITOR'S NOTES

By Tim Redmond  
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It's not an easy time to be celebrating. The Bush administration has driven the economy into the toilet. After more than five years, the nation is still fighting a foolish, unnecessary war in Iraq. Unemployment is rising, and so is the cost of living.

But it's also been a banner year for grassroots democracy. Barack Obama, the antiwar candidate, the upstart, took on and defeated the vaunted Clinton operation, and did it in large part with little pieces. He raised millions from small donors and mobilized activists on the ground in a way we haven't seen in too many years.

It's been a banner year for grassroots democracy.

And that energy is alive and well in San Francisco. The city that defied Washington and forced the legalization of same-sex marriage, the city that remains the heart of the antiwar movement, will be leading the way toward a more sustainable energy policy this fall. District supervisorial campaigns are well underway, with the mobilizations and energy coming not from big campaign donors and powerful interests but from ordinary people who live here and care about their community.

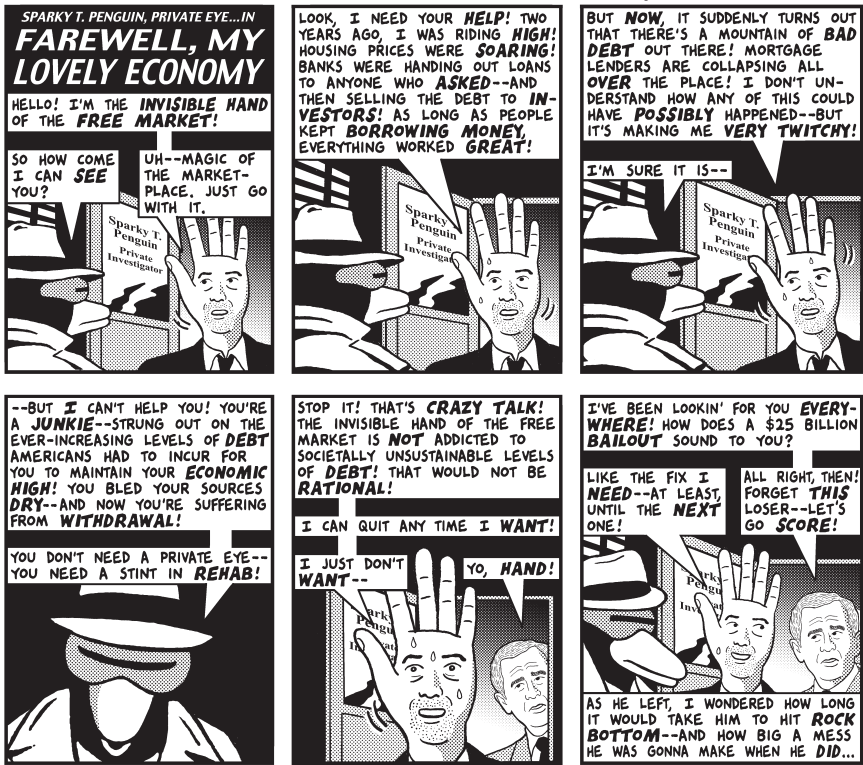
That's the spirit we celebrate in this Best of the Bay issue.

There's a lot more democracy in our selections this year — more selections and ideas from our readers, more input from our community. Our cover art and the illustrations inside reflect the activist traditions and inspirations of this city.

It's bleak out there in America, but hope lives in places like San Francisco. And that's a great reason to be proud of all that is the Best of the Bay. **SFBG**

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Pelosi backs Bush on Iran

**OPINION** Has Nancy Pelosi signed off on the George W. Bush administration's covert CIA operations in Iran? Yes, according to Seymour Hersh's July 14 *New Yorker* article, "Preparing the Battlefield." Late last year, the White House submitted a Presidential Finding, a highly classified document signed by the president, to be cleared with the leaders and ranking intelligence committee members of both parties in both branches of Congress — a group that, by dint of her position as Speaker of the House, includes Pelosi.

According to a Hersh source, "Although some legislators were troubled by aspects of the Finding ... the funding for the escalation was approved" — noting that congressional leaders authorized up to \$400 million for increased efforts to destabilize Iran's government.

When some Democrats became uncomfortable with the prospect of approving "potential defensive lethal action by US operatives in Iran," they conferred with CIA Director Michael V. Hayden who, Hersh writes, "reassured the legislators that the language did nothing more than

provide authority for Special Forces operatives on the ground in Iran to shoot their way out if they faced capture or harm."

*Nothing more than to shoot their way out?* If President Bush were to reveal evidence of Iranian agents dropped into this country and authorized to kill Americans, we can well imagine Pelosi speaking forcefully about the outrage she and the House delegation would feel about such an egregious breach of our sovereignty. But how in the world does the representative of perhaps the most antiwar city in the country sign off on the United States doing this to another nation?

Then there's the question of whom we're funding. According to a former Middle East CIA operative, one beneficiary, the Baluchis, a Sunni Muslim group in the majority Shiite country, are "fundamentalists ... you can also describe ... as Al Qaeda." Another, Mujahideen-e-Khalq, has been on the State Department terrorist list for more than 10 years.

That the Bush White House would resort to arming known enemies in its frantic effort to create new

ones is bad. Democrats signing off on it is even worse. But the fact that a representative from San Francisco, a city that has time and again demonstrated its opposition to these sorts of policies, might approve them is about as gross a distortion of the public will as you're likely to find.

Hersh quotes an aide to one of the four Democrats notified of the Finding predictably arguing that it was "just that — notification, and not a sign-off on activities." But he accurately points out that Congress "has the power to withhold funding for any government operation," but chose not to.

The burden of persuading Nancy Pelosi that the Democratic Party should not approve such policies may lie primarily with her House colleagues. But if she, or they, think that this is what the Speaker needs to do, then she needs to leave that job behind — because funding a covert war in Iran simply does not represent the interests or the will of California's 8th Congressional District. **SFBG**

**Tom Gallagher**  
*Tom Gallagher is a former Massachusetts state legislator who lives in San Francisco.*

Going green requires cooperation

**EDITORIAL** There are some clear and compelling things San Francisco needs to be doing to protect the environment and reduce its carbon footprint, such as converting to renewable electricity sources and promoting alternatives to the automobile. But as the past couple of weeks at City Hall have demonstrated, city officials are letting petty politics interfere with working together to do the right thing.

Obviously, the most important step toward combating climate change is to convert the power portfolio of city residents to renewable energy sources. Nobel laureate Al Gore challenged the entire country to move toward 100 percent renewable power sources within 10 years during a landmark speech July 17.

But days later, when Gore appeared at the Netroots Nation convention in Austin, Texas, to repeat the challenge to the assembled bloggers, fellow guest speaker Mayor Gavin Newsom came out against the San Francisco Clean Energy Act, which would set even more modest goals for conversion to green power sources.

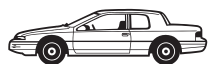
Newsom's reason, as Sarah Phelan and Janna Brancolini explain on page 19 in this week's Green City column, is fear of provisions in the legislation that call for studying — just *studying* — public power options for achieving these goals. Considering Newsom has repeatedly told the *Guardian* that he supports public power, it's disgraceful that he's so beholden to Pacific Gas and Electric and so mindlessly adversarial toward the Board of Supervisors that he would oppose setting high green power standards.

But Newsom isn't the only one playing this game. Board president Aaron Peskin is trying to scuttle Sunday Streets, which would temporarily close six miles of roadway

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to cars as part of an international trend to promote carfree spaces, simply because it was Newsom who proposed it (see "Pedal power," 7/23/08).

True, Newsom is a newcomer to the carfree movement — having spent years blocking proposed street closures in Golden Gate Park — but his conversion was warmly embraced by progressive groups such as Livable City and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and should have been supported by Peskin and other supervisors.

Meanwhile, the city is doing little to fight the ongoing court injunction against bicycle projects even as required environmental work on the Bicycle Plan falls behind schedule. In connection with a July 21 hearing on that delay, both Planning Director John Rahaim and City Attorney Dennis Herrera have called for reform to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for changes in how the city interprets traffic impacts under the act.

"It's truly ironic that an activity that is inherently environmentally friendly is being challenged under an environmental law," Rahaim said of bicycling as he testified before the Land Use Committee. He's right. City officials should aggressively move forward with the local reforms under consideration and push the bureaucracy to keep the Bike Plan on the fast track.

Meanwhile, our state legislators should work to amend CEQA to exempt pedestrian and bicycle improvements from costly and time-consuming environmental impact reports and our federal representatives should start laying the groundwork now to ensure next year's big transportation bill reauthorization promotes alternatives to the automobile.

As a gesture of cooperation and goodwill, Newsom should come out and support Sup. Chris Daly's latest proposal to close Market Street to automobiles, which would greatly speed up public transit, improve pedestrian safety, and create an attractive bicycle boulevard in the heart of the city.

The idea was first pitched by former mayor Willie Brown and has already been studied and vetted by the city bureaucracy. This could be the first big cooperative project between the board and the Mayor's Office, a team effort against the forces of the status quo. And if it is successful, just imagine what they could take on after that. **SFBG**

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## LETTERS

### NO HIGH SPEED RAIL OVER PACHECO PASS

As a longtime citizen advocate for wildlife in California, I am saddened and angered that I am forced into opposition of the important high speed rail project ["High speed rail on track," 7/16/08].

Often I am glad that so few people seem to know about the stunningly beautiful Henry Coe State Park in Morgan Hill because this obscurity protects this precious Bay Area resource. On my first trip to Henry Coe a decade ago, I was amazed to find a pristine and vibrant hidden valley with more wildlife than I have observed on visits to most of the state's major wilderness areas.

I'm appalled that the *Guardian* is so eager to cram this project down our throats that it claims "CHSRA actions have appeased ... stakeholders" without bothering to mention any details of the concerns of important groups like Mountain Lion Foundation and Planning and Conservation League, as if they are not stakeholders.

The high speed trains of France and Japan have the luxury of traversing landscapes already devoid of significant wildlife, let alone large mammals. There is no way to know what the impacts will be on the behaviors of mountain lions from having these rails and frequent trains in this important habitat. At a time when pressures on mountain lions and biodiversity in general are reaching critical mass, to put a major infrastructure in one of the few sizable biological corridors left in the Bay, instead of in the already heavily impacted Altamont Pass, is a travesty of the highest magnitude.

This, for a project that could have been supported by all environmentalists.

**Mokai**  
*San Francisco*

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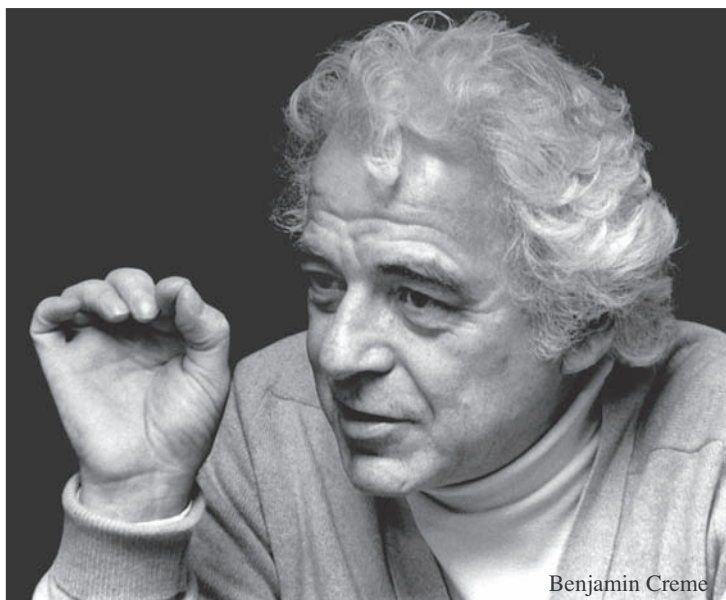
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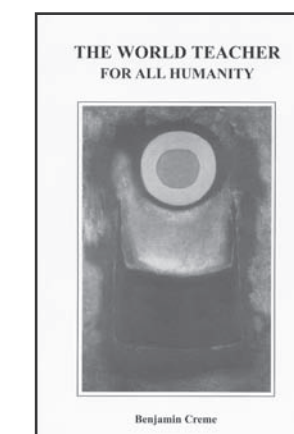
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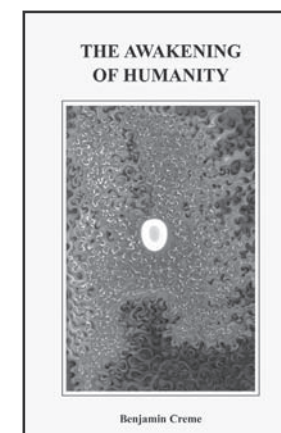
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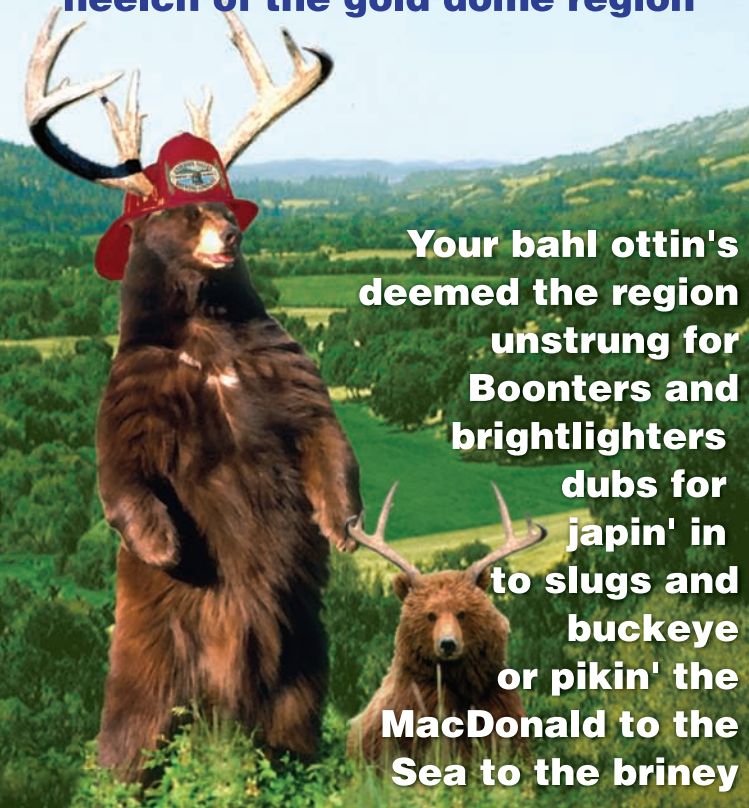


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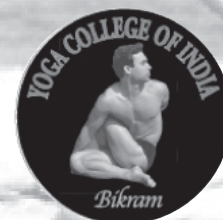
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## Lennar's lawsuits

Megadeveloper sues and is sued over toxic dust on Hunters Point

By Sarah Phelan  
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Two years after Lennar Corp. reported that asbestos dust had neither been monitored nor controlled during major grading and earth-moving operations on its Parcel A construction site on Hunters Point Shipyard last year (see "The corporation that ate San Francisco," 3/14/08), the fallout from these failures continues.

On June 19 a dozen Bayview-Hunters Point residents and workers sued Lennar, as well as international environmental consultant CH2M Hill and Sacramento-based engineering consultant Gordon N. Ball, in Superior Court, on behalf of their preschool and school-age children. The parents allege that their children suffered headaches, skin rashes, and respiratory ailments during Parcel A excavations, which occurred next to a predominantly African American and Latino community.

The plaintiffs charge Lennar, CH2M Hill, and Ball with public nuisance, negligence, environmental racism, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and battery. They are asking for monetary damages, a jury trial, and court costs.

But Lennar is apparently seeking to deflect the blame for these problems at the site entirely onto CH2M Hill through a new federal lawsuit, despite revelations in the



Warnings posted at the Parcel A site apparently went unheeded by subcontractors. | GUARDIAN PHOTO BY CHARLES RUSSO

*Guardian* (see "Question of intent," 11/28/07) that Lennar reprimanded its own staffer, Gary McIntyre, when he tried to bring Ball to heel for the company's failure to properly control the toxic asbestos dust.

On June 23, Lennar BVHP LLC sued subcontractor CH2M Hill for negligence, negligent misrepresentation, breach of contract, express indemnity, and unfair business practices in connection with its work on Parcel A.

"Lennar seeks to recover for the significant economic harm it has suffered in addressing the ramifications of CH2's gross and reckless misconduct in failing to provide competent asbestos air monitoring services for Lennar's redevelopment of a portion of Hunters Point Shipyard in San Francisco," states

the suit, which seeks damages, restitution and indemnity, attorney fees, court costs, and a jury trial.

"Lennar's economic harm vastly exceeds \$75,000," the suit notes. "CH2 has provided no compensation to Lennar and no other relief for its failures. Indeed, CH2 has never publicly acknowledged its clear responsibility for these failures."

CH2's Oakland-based vice president, Udai Singh, who signed a \$392,600 contract with Lennar in January 2006 for asbestos dust monitoring services, told the *Guardian*, "Unfortunately I'm not working on that, so I have no clue what you are talking about."

"I thought I might have seen something about that, but since I have been working mostly on EPA CONTINUES ON PAGE 14 >>

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By Deborah Giattina  
> alerts@sfbg.com

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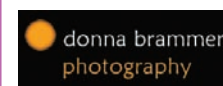


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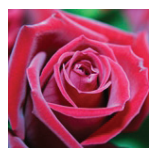
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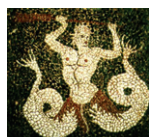
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## Lennar CONT.,

stuff, I haven't been involved in this one," continued Singh, who has been project manager for remedial projects on Superfund sites for the federal EPA's Region IX, which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

Singh referred us to CH2's Denver-based counsel Kirby Wright, who referred us to CH2's public relations director, John Corsi, who did not return the *Guardian's* calls as of press time.

But while Lennar BVHP continues to contract with Gordon N. Ball at the shipyard, local resident Christopher Carpenter has sued the Sacramento-based contractor in Superior Court for whistleblower retaliation, wrongful termination, racial discrimination, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

As the *Guardian* reported, ("Green City: Signs of asbestos," 8/29/07), Carpenter was fired shortly after he complained about dust that was

kicked up by a Ball backhoe excavating the Parcel A hillside on Oct. 2, 2006.

"Carpenter became surrounded by a cloud of dust that was caused by Gordon Ball's failure to water the ground prior to commencing grading," the suit alleges, noting that Carpenter complained about Ball's unsafe and unhealthy working conditions, some of which violated Bay Area Air Quality Management District regulations and the city's Health Code, before he was fired.

At City Hall, Sup. Sophie Maxwell is seeking to amend the city's Building Code to require more stringent dust control measures for demolition and construction projects. (The Building Inspection Commission opposed Maxwell's proposal in December 2007, in a 4-3 vote).

On July 22, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to support Maxwell's dust legislation.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Christopher Muhammad, who represents the Muhammad

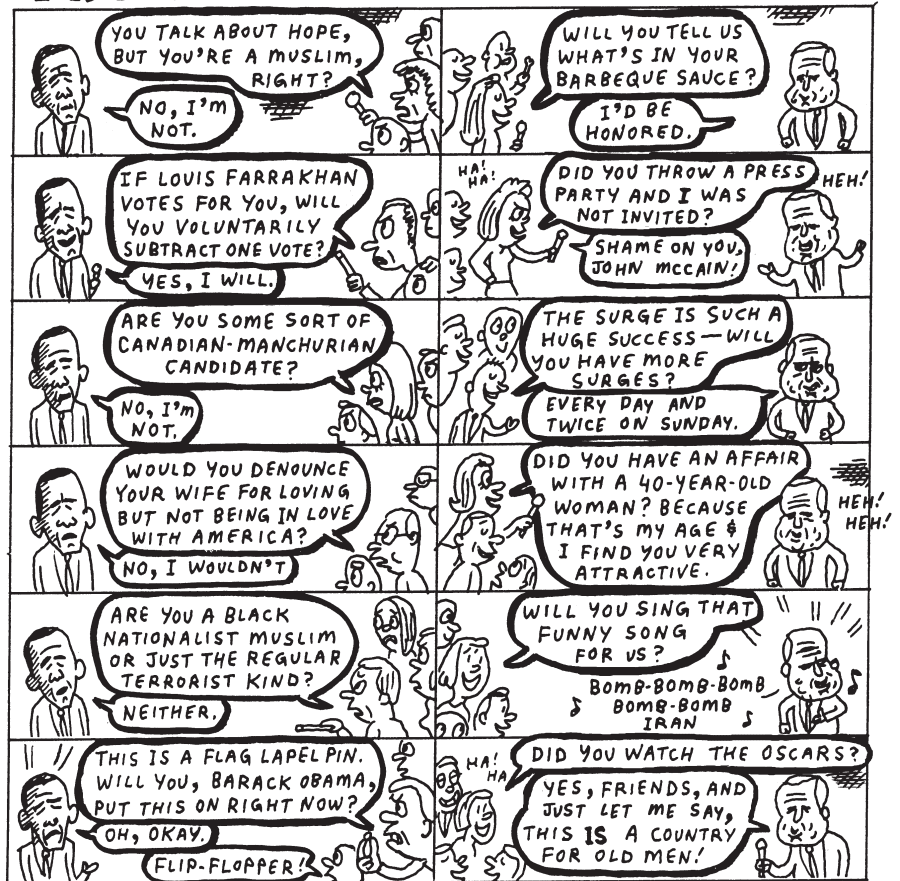
University of Islam adjacent to Parcel A, asked the San Francisco Health Commission to investigate why it took until July 14 for the local community to learn of an asbestos level violation that occurred at Lennar's Parcel A site just four days before the June 3 election.

Muhammad suspects the infraction was hushed up because Lennar was engaged in the most expensive initiative battle in San Francisco's history, plunking down a total of \$5 million to support the ultimately successful Proposition G, which gives the developer control of Candlestick Point and the shipyard.

Amy Brownell of the Department of Public Health told the *Guardian* that the violation, which registered at 138,800 structures per cubic meter of air, (the city's work shutdown level is set at 16,000 structures) did not trigger a work suspension because there was no work planned at Lennar's site May 31 or June 1, which was a weekend. **SFBG**

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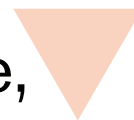
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# Clean Energy Act makes the ballot

By Janna Brancolini  
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**GREEN CITY** The San Francisco Clean Energy Act isn't the only charter amendment on the November ballot, but it's already shaping up to be the political lightning rod of this fall's election.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. sent out mailers opposing the measure even before the Board of Supervisors voted 7-4 on July 22 to place it on the Nov. 4 ballot. Mayor Gavin Newsom also announced his opposition to the act moments after Assemblymember Mark Leno, former San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager Susan Leal, and a cadre of progressive supervisors announced their support for it on the steps of City Hall.

Authored by Suprs. Ross Mirkarimi and Aaron Peskin, the Clean Energy Act requires San Francisco to fulfill 51 percent of its electricity needs through renewable sources by 2017. That requirement rises to 75 percent by 2030, and to 100 percent, "or the greatest amount technologically feasible or practicable," by 2040.

The SF Clean Energy Act also mandates that a feasibility study be undertaken to look at the best way to provide clean, green energy, which could lead to PG&E losing its stranglehold on energy if the study finds public power to be the best option.

Explaining the importance of mandating a feasibility study, Mirkarimi said, "Otherwise PG&E has a monopoly here until the planet dies."

Supporters say it is important for San Francisco to set up a model that others can follow. "As goes San Francisco, so goes the state of California, and so goes the nation," Peskin said at the July 22 rally, just before the Board of Supervisors voted to place the act on the ballot. "This is a time when people can change the destiny of the planet."

Moments after that rally ended, Mayor Newsom took a minute to explain his opposition.

"We have other things we should be focusing on," Newsom told reporters at a press conference at the War Memorial Building to announce housing bonds for veterans. "Let's call it what it is. It's a power takeover of PG&E," he said.

But the elected officials and myriad organizations who showed up at City Hall to support the Clean Energy Act say that public vs. private power is not the main issue.

"The public power considerations have been drafted in a thoughtful and reasonable way," Leno told the crowd. "It would involve study after study after study, and testimony from experts."

Leno noted that 42 million Americans have public power, and if San Francisco did turn to public power, it would be embracing something as American as mom and apple pie. "Unlike their private power company counterparts, public power systems serve only one constituency: their customers," Leno said.

Sup. Gerardo Sandoval opined that government is better able to assume renewable energy risks. "The private industry is not going to take that risk," Sandoval said. "It's always going to take the cheap way out, which is fossil fuels."

Others warned the audience not to be swayed by PG&E's anti-Clean Energy campaign, which Newsom's chief political consultant Eric Jaye is working on.

"This is not some crazy takeover scheme," Leal said. "It's about protecting the environment and the rights of San Franciscans and their rate payers."

The Clean Energy Act has been endorsed by the Sierra Club, San Francisco Tomorrow, ACORN, the San Francisco Green Party, the League of Young Voters, Green Action for Health and Environmental Justice, the San Francisco Green Party, and the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights.

Mark Sanchez, president of the San Francisco Board of Education and a supervisorial candidate in District 9, described showing "An Inconvenient Truth" to the eighth-grade science class he teaches. "What can I say to my kids — we don't have the policies in place to mitigate the damage they see?"

The Sierra Club's John Rizzo noted, "This act insures that San Francisco is at the center of this economy. Not in Japan, China, or Germany. It will be here."

Aliza Wasserman of the League of Young Voters stated that "PG&E is not investing \$1 in renewable energy beyond state mandates, and they lobby against measures to raise those mandates." **SFBG**

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# BEST OF THE BAY 2008



## COME TOGETHER

By Marke B.

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“Best of the Bay? I’m anxiously awaiting the results, as our fair city appears to be on the decline. Please help rekindle my love for SF!” wrote Seamus of Sunnyside when we asked *Guardian* readers to tell us about their own bests of the Bay. OK, Seamus, here goes ...

Welcome to the *San Francisco Bay Guardian’s* Best of the Bay 2008! This is our 34th annual celebration of the people, places, and things that make living here awesome with a capital “yay,” a megastellar shout-out to everything Baylicious — from Best Vietnamese Sandwich to Best Quirky Specialty Store, to Best Burlesque Troupe and beyond.

As we worked on this year’s issue, we couldn’t help but notice a few things. Change is in the air. A major election is right around the corner. Freedom is on everyone’s lips — and people are making their voices heard. We’re finally having that malevolent weed in the Oval Office removed! Seriously, it was totally messing up our lawn. *Gross.*

In honor of this spirit of liberty and choice, we chose as our theme “A Celebration of Bay Area Independence.” Not just independents — all local businesses honored here are independently owned and operated. But also independence, as in get out there and vote. Speak out! It’s not too late to do something about the global situation, and the individuals and organizations you’ll read about inside are doing their best to turn this mess around and make the world a little lovelier.

We’ve also changed up a few things ourselves, like adding a bunch of new categories in our readers poll and placing your choices above the Editors Picks in each section for easier reference. Thanks to the more than 7,000 of you who voted in our Best of the Bay readers poll this year, there were several stunning upsets — change is in the air indeed! Due to popu-

lar demand, we’ve published the top two runners-up in the hotly contested Food and Drink, Shopping, and Nightlife and Entertainment categories online at [www.bestofthebay.com](http://www.bestofthebay.com). We wish everyone could win. We’re mushy like that.

More change: we asked you to tell us in your own words about what you love most about the Bay — and received a sparkling tsunami of responses. We’ve printed some of our favorites throughout. Our Editors Picks (Best Cerebral Workout, Best Floating Lap Dance, Best Monumental Urinal, etc.) attempt to shine a little light into the brilliant corners of the Bay experience. And as for Seamus’ fear of the Bay’s decline, well, we can only say that we found way too much evidence of mind-blowing vitality to include here.

In 1974 *Esquire* magazine asked us for ideas for its Best of the USA issue, and the *Guardian* responded by publishing the original Best of the Bay. Made by the people of the Bay Area for the people of the Bay Area, it’s our annual chance to celebrate the people and places that make this city great. We were the first weekly paper to print a regular “best of” issue. Thirty-four years on — and 42 years after we opened our doors — we’re still going strong.

Editing this year’s installment was something no one could possibly do alone. I had the extreme privilege of working with the frabjous *Guardian* staff and an amazing smorgasbord of local talent to get 2008’s Best of the Bay out the conceptual door.

I shower grateful smooches on them all, especially my right-hand cheese puff Molly Freedenberg, creative wizard Mirissa Neff, amazing illustrator Caitlin Kuhwald, our steadfast advertisers, and the ever-supportive Hunky Beau, my own personal Best of the Bay.

But most of all we thank you, dear reader, for pouring your unique pluck and zing into this great community, for keeping the doors of hope open, and for never giving up the fight. Peace. **SFBG**

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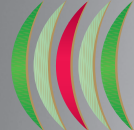
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**MINIPOP**  
8/1 Independent

**FILM SCHOOL**  
8/3 Cafe du Nord

**JULIAN MARLEY**  
8/4 Independent



**DOLLY PARTON**  
8/5 Greek Theatre

**THE FAINT**  
8/5 Grand Ballroom

**MIKE THERIEAU BAND**  
8/7 House of Shields

**MASTER/SLAVE**  
8/8 Hemlock Tavern

**HUMAN LEAGUE**  
8/9 Mezzanine

**EX-BOYFRIENDS**  
8/9 Hemlock Tavern

**ABC**  
8/10 Independent

**BART DAVENPORT**  
**MIA DOI TODD**  
8/10 Hemlock Tavern

**SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS**  
8/12 Independent

**JUANA MOLINA**  
8/13 Yoshi's

**BOW WOW**  
8/15 Fillmore



**OR, THE WHALE**  
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8/15 Great American Music Hall

**ROCK THE BELLS:**  
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**NAS, MOS DEF**  
8/16 Shoreline Amphitheatre

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8/22-24 Golden Gate Park

**THE HOT TODDIES**  
**THE MUMLERS**  
8/23 The Uptown

**ICE CUBE**  
8/26 Fillmore

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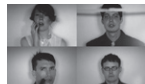
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9/19 Sleep Train Pavilion

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**NICK CAVE & THE BAD SEEDS**  
9/20 Warfield

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9/20-21 Treasure Island

**THE WEDDING PRESENT**  
9/21 Great American Music Hall

**SPOON**  
9/22-24 Fillmore

**JOURNEY**  
9/24 Sleep Train Pavilion  
9/27 Shoreline Amphitheatre

**SILVER JEW**  
9/25 Fillmore

**RANCID**  
9/26-27 Warfield

**MISSION OF BURMA**  
9/26-27 Independent

**MY BLOODY VALENTINE**  
9/30 The Concourse at SF Design Center



**SIGUR ROS**  
10/3 Greek Theatre

**BLACK LIPS**  
**GRAND OLE PARTY**  
10/6-7 Great American Music Hall

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**  
10/10 HP Pavilion

**SANTANA**  
10/11 Shoreline  
10/12 Sleep Train Pavilion

**THE BLACK KIDS**  
10/12 Fillmore



**TINA TURNER**  
10/19 HP Pavilion

**ROKY ERICKSON**  
11/1-2 Great American Music Hall

**CITIZEN COPE**  
11/3 Palace of Fine Arts

**RAY LAMONTAGNE**  
11/3 Paramount Theatre



**JOAN BAEZ**  
11/18-19 Herbst Theatre

# BEST OF THE BAY 2008 LOCAL HERO

## Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon



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Del Martin, left, and Phyllis Lyon

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon have lived active lives — although “activist” would be the better word. One, the other, or both have been founding members of the Daughters of Bilitis, the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. Martin, 87, was the first lesbian elected to a position in the National Organization for Women, where she was also the first to assert that lesbian issues are feminist issues. Lyon, 83, edited the *Ladder*, the first magazine in the United States devoted to lesbian issues. And together, it seems, there's little they haven't done, from coauthoring books to becoming the first gay couple in the nation to legally marry on Feb. 12, 2004, almost 50 years to the day they first became a couple.

Deemed void later that year, their marriage was reconstituted this June when the California Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is, in fact, legal. Once again, Martin and Lyon were the first in line to tie the knot.

But gay marriage wasn't the right they were fighting for when their relationship began back in 1954. “We had other, bigger issues. We didn't have anything in the '50s and '60s,” Lyon recalls. “We were worried about getting a law passed to disallow people from getting fired or thrown out of their homes for being gay.”

Even something as simple as having a safe space to congregate was elusive. Before the mid-1950s, the only organizations that dealt with gay issues were run by and focused on men. So Martin and Lyon, along with a few other lesbian couples, founded the Daughters of Bilitis in 1955. “We would meet in homes, dance, and have drinks and so on, and not be subject to police

raids, which were happening then in the gay and lesbian bars,” Lyon said. Those informal get-togethers eventually became the first lesbian organization with chapters nationwide.

They say their activism isn't something that was sparked by their gender and sexuality, but came from being raised in politically conscious homes — Lyon in Tulsa, Okla., and Martin in San Francisco. When they met, working at the same company in Seattle, “both of us were already politically involved,” Lyon says.

“Really, ever since we were kids,” Martin adds. “You followed elections. You followed things like that. We wore buttons for Roosevelt. We couldn't send money because we didn't have any.”

“And then when we both moved in together, in San Francisco, the first thing we did was get involved with Adlai Stevenson,” Lyon says. They quickly got to know the major Democratic movers and shakers in the city, like the Burton family and later Nancy Pelosi, whom they would eventually turn to when there were gay issues that needed a push.

“We didn't come out to everybody, but we came out to Nancy and the Burtons,” Lyon says.

These days age has tamped down the physically active part of their political activism, although they still donate money and were ardent Hillary Clinton supporters during this year's Democratic primary race. They're now backing Barack Obama over John McCain, though Martin expressed reservations. “I'm waiting to see how he handles the question about women and women's rights. I'm not satisfied yet.” **SFBG**

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Alicia Schwartz

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Whether she’s demanding sit-down time with the mayor to discuss asbestos dust at Hunters Point Shipyard, offering to debate former 49ers president Carmen Policy over the need to develop 50 percent affordable housing in the Bayview, or doing the cha-cha slide on Third Street to publicize the grassroots Proposition F campaign, which fought the Lennar-financed multimillion-dollar Proposition G on the June ballot, Alicia Schwartz always bubbles with fierce enthusiasm.

“I absolutely love my job,” says Schwartz, who has been a community organizer with POWER (People Organized to Win Employment Rights) for four years.

Born and raised in Marin County, Schwartz graduated from the University of California, San Diego, with a degree in sociology and anthropology before returning to the Bay Area, where she is enrolled in San Francisco State University’s ethnic studies graduate program and works for the San Francisco-based POWER.

“It’s an amazing organization full of amazing people, united for a common vision, which is ending oppression and poverty for all,” says Schwartz. “In cities, the priorities are skewed to benefit folks who are wealthier and have more benefits. But the folks who keep the city running are not recognized or are suppressed.”

Prop. F wasn’t Schwartz’s first campaign experience. She had previously organized for reproductive justice, for access to health care and sexual-health education, and against the prison-industrial complex.

But it was the most inspirational campaign she’s seen so far.

“I saw the Bayview transformed,” Schwartz explains. “I saw people who’d lost faith in politicians come to the forefront and fight for the future. And I

saw people across the city rallying in support, too.”

Schwartz acknowledges that Prop. F didn’t win numerically.

“But practically and morally, and in terms of a broader vision, Prop. F advanced the conversation about the future of San Francisco, about its working-class and black future,” Schwartz says. “Clearly, that fight isn’t over. It’s just beginning.”

Schwartz says she believes that the other success of Prop. F is that it raised the question of who runs our cities.

“And I think it was a huge victory, even being able to accomplish running a grassroots campaign, with no money whatsoever and where we had to up the ante, in terms of getting to know some of the political establishment.”

Most of all, Schwartz says she appreciated being able to work with people who hadn’t been part of POWER.

“And I appreciated being able to advance a set of demands that a broad range of people could support, while keeping the Bayview and its residents at the forefront,” she says.

While that particular campaign may be over, the battle for Bayview–Hunters Point continues on many fronts, says Schwartz.

“Are we going to allow it to be run by developers who don’t have our best interests at heart and who fool us with payouts and false promises?” she asks. “Are we going to allow San Francisco to become a place where people can’t afford to live, but surely have to come to work?”

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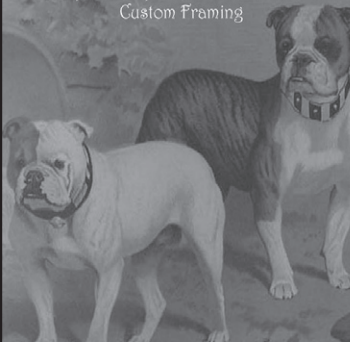
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## James Carey, Daniel Harder, and Jeff Rosendale



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From left, Daniel Harder, James Carey, and Jeff Rosendale

It would be unfair to give any one person credit for stopping the state's foolish plan to aerially spray synthetic pheromones to eradicate the light brown apple moth (LBAM). Thousands were involved in that struggle.

But there are at least three individuals we can think of who successfully fought the state with science, a tool that too often is used to dupe, not enlighten, the public.

They are James Carey, a University of California, Davis, entomology professor; Daniel Harder, botanist and executive director of the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum; and Jeff Rosendale, a grower and horticulturalist who runs a nursery in Soquel.

Together and separately, this trio used experience, field observation, and fact-finding tours to make the case that the California Department of Food and Agriculture would court disaster, in terms of lost time, money, and public goodwill, if it went ahead with the spraying.

And they did so at a time when UC, as an institution, remained silent on the matter.

"I felt like I needed to do this. No one was stepping up from a position of entomological knowledge," says Carey, whose prior work on an advisory panel working with state agencies fighting the Mediterranean fruit fly between 1987 and 1994 led him to speak out when the state sprayed Monterey and Santa Cruz counties last fall.

Carey says the signatures of two UC Davis colleagues, Frank Zalom and Bruce Hammock, on a May 28 letter to the US Department of Agriculture also helped.

"All of us are senior and highly credentialed scientists," Carey notes, "so our letter was taken really seriously by the agriculture industry."

Rosendale and Harder had taken a fact-finding tour last December to New Zealand, which has har-

bored this leaf-rolling Australian bug for more than a century, to find out firsthand just how big of a problem the moth really is.

"We wanted to get the best information about how they were dealing with it, and what it was or wasn't doing," Rosendale recalls. What he and Harder discovered was that New Zealand had tried using organophosphates, toxic pesticides, against the moths — but the chemicals killed all insects in the orchards, including beneficial ones that stopped parasites.

"When they stopped using organophosphates, the food chain took care of the LBAM," Rosendale says.

Like Carey and Rosendale, Harder believes that the state's recently announced plan to use sterile moths instead of pesticides is a lost cause. He says it's impossible to eradicate LBAM at this point because the pest is already too widespread.

"It's not going to work, and it's not necessary," Harder says.

And now, Glen Chase, a professor of systems management specializing in environmental economics and statistics, says that the CDFA is falsely claiming that the moth is an emergency so it can steal hundreds of millions from taxpayer emergency funds.

"The widespread population of the moth in California and the specific population densities of the moth, when analyzed with real science and statistics, dictate that the moth has been in California for at least 30 to 50 years," states Chase in a July 15 press release.

The state has put spraying urban areas on hold, but the battle isn't over — and the scientists who have gone out on a limb to inform the public are still on the case. **SFBG**

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## Queer Youth Organizing Project

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From left, Fred Sherburn-Zimmer, Josue Arguelles, Jane Martin, Vivian Crocket, Justin Zarrett Blake, Joseles de la Cruz, and Abel-Diego Romero

The queer-labor alliance Pride at Work, a constituent group of the AFL-CIO, added a youth brigade last year, and it's been doing some of the most inspired organizing and advocacy in San Francisco. The Queer Youth Organizing Project can marshal dozens of teen and twentysomething activists with a strong sense of both style and social justice for its events and causes.

Founded in March 2007, QYOP has already made a big impact on San Francisco's political scene, reviving the edgy and indignant struggle for liberation that had all but died out in the aging queer movement. Pride at Work has also been rejuvenated and challenged by QYOP's youthful enthusiasm.

"It really is building the next generation of leaders in the queer community, and man, are they kick-ass," says Robert Haaland, a key figure in both Service Employees International Union Local 1021 and Pride at Work. "Pride at Work is now a whole different organization."

QYOP turned out hundreds of tenants for recent midday City Hall hearings looking at the hardball tactics of CitiApartments managers, an impressive feat that helped city officials and the general public gain a better understanding of the controversial landlord.

"They have a strong focus on tenant issues and have done good work on Prop. 98 and some tenant harassment legislation we've been working on," says Ted Gullickson, director of the San Francisco Tenants Union. "They really round out the coalition between tenants and labor. They do awesome work."

In addition to the energy and numbers QYOP brought to the campaign against the anti-rent control measure Proposition 98, the group joined the No Borders encampment at the Mexican border in support of immigrant rights and turned a protest against the Human Rights Campaign (which angered some local queers for supporting a workplace rights bill that excluded transgenders) into a combination of pointed protest and fun party outside the targeted group's annual gala dinner.

"It's probably some of the most interesting community organizing I've seen in San Francisco," Haaland says. "It's really made a difference in our capacity to do the work."

As an added bonus in this essentially one-party town, QYOP is reaching young activists using mechanisms outside the traditional Democratic Party structures, an important feature for radicalized young people who are wary of partisan paradigms. And its members perhaps bring an even stronger political perspective than their Party brethren, circulating reading lists of inspiring thinkers to hone their messages.

Haaland says QYOP has reenergized him as an activist and organizer: "They're teaching me, and it's grounding me as an activist in a way I haven't been for a long time." **SFBG**

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##### Richard Diebenkorn

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#### BEST LAST OF THE RED-HOT DADAS

Alternative theater is a precarious vocation at best, even in an alternative kind of town. Venues come and go, companies founder and fold, everyone wants to move to New York, and hardly anyone breaks even. Despite the tough climate, one stalwart survivor of the down-  
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town downturn continues to expand — and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The **EXIT Theatre** has been a haven for experimental small productions since its 1983 inaugural performance in the lobby of a nearby residential hotel, and has supported the advancing artistic endeavors of a host of Bay Area faves including mugwumpin, RIPE, Cutting Ball, Art Street Theatre, Crowded Fire, Banana Bag and Bodice, foolsFURY, stealth DIVA Sean Owens, and master illusionist Christian Cagigal. Founder and host of the annual San Francisco Fringe Festival, the EXIT attracts performers and audiences from around the world. Additional festivals such as the DIVAfest, Labor Fest, and the fondly remembered Absurdity Theatre Festival keep them coming back for more. EXIT Theatre, 156 Eddy, SF. (415) 673-3847, [www.theexit.org](http://www.theexit.org)

### BEST BAND-AIDS FOR BRUISED FANS

In a mega-festival concert world where a bottle of water can cost more than \$5, we're lucky to have **Rock Medicine**, a nonprofit emergency response service celebrating its 35th anniversary that hands out earplugs, patches up cuts and scrapes, and gets over-excited and dehydrated kids back to the show — all for free. Made up of volunteer paramedics, doctors, and other helpful, rockin' citizens, the Rock Medicine program is run by the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic, part of the free love legacy of the 1960s. As the concerts of the famous era got bigger and more and more kids flocked to the Bay Area, concert mogul Bill Graham contacted clinic head Skip Gaye, and Rock

Medicine was born. Now the organization tries to be present at every humongous musical shindig that takes place, with representatives usually located at a table bearing a giant jug of Gatorade. Rest assured, you'll never surf the mosh pit without some helpful medical back-up. [www.rockmed.org](http://www.rockmed.org)

### BEST PLACE TO SCORE CRANK

In the style of London's Madame Tussauds or the Musée de la Magie of Paris, San Francisco's own **Musée Mécanique** is dedicated to exhibiting the beauty of childhood esoterica. Dan Zelinsky's private collection of hand-cranked musical instruments, antique arcade machines, and automated guignols — many that date from the turn of the century — give visitors a wondrous pre-digital toy experience. Among the many objets d'art, highlights include the automated Drinking Man, who imbibes spirits at the drop of a quarter only to have the liquid recirculate to the cup through his arm; Naughty Marietta, who is seen through the hand-cranked Cail-O-Scope in various states of undress; Laffing Sal, one of the most famous and frightening exhibits purely because of her laugh, and the Orchestrion, a mechanical orchestra that plays a hideously enchanting racket. While some may find these strange machines and life-like dolls less entertaining than disturbing, the Tim Burton weirdo in us adores them.

Pier 45, shed A, Fisherman's Wharf, SF. (415) 346-2000, [www.museemechanique.org](http://www.museemechanique.org)

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Most rehab centers are cushy, designed for spoiled brats whose parents, managers, or partners are so sick of desperate phone calls and missing jewelry they'll pay any price for a month of addict-free peace. But what addicts really need is a place that takes no shit and offers real results, providing a path to self-sustenance and a community dedicated to change. That's what the **Delancey Street Foundation**, a privately-funded rehab center, has been supplying to San Francisco's hard life crowd for more than three decades. Unlike many other such facilities where the failure rate is as hopeless as Britney Spears' attempt to raise children, Delancey Street boasts a 98 percent success rate. And it's free. All you have to do is show up and prove your dedication to self-improvement. If you pass the test, you're given a room and an apprenticeship at one of the organization's 12 former-addict-run enterprises. Selling Christmas trees,

frothing lattes, and moving furniture may not be a catered month by the ocean, but it works. 600 Embarcadero, SF. (415) 957-9800, [www.delanceystreetfoundation.org](http://www.delanceystreetfoundation.org)

### BEST PANGLOBAL WHIRL

Where can you see a hip-hop dance troupe, a moving human sculpture in Indian classical style, and a Scottish highland romp dedicated to the Celtic god of fire, all in the same short weekend? The **San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival** was founded in 1978, the first city-funded multicultural dance event in the country. Since then it's played host to some 14,000 artists performing in more than 100 genres at various locales. This year the festival celebrated its 30th anniversary with flair, expanding its season to four weekends and adding new programming, like film screenings and dance classes. A \$100,000 grant enabled festival directors to fly artists in from overseas for the first time. Sadly, Ethnic Dance Fest comes but once a year, but the auditions held in January at the Palace of Fine Arts are open to the public — audience members can expect a standing-room-only, casual atmosphere, and a different act every 10 minutes.

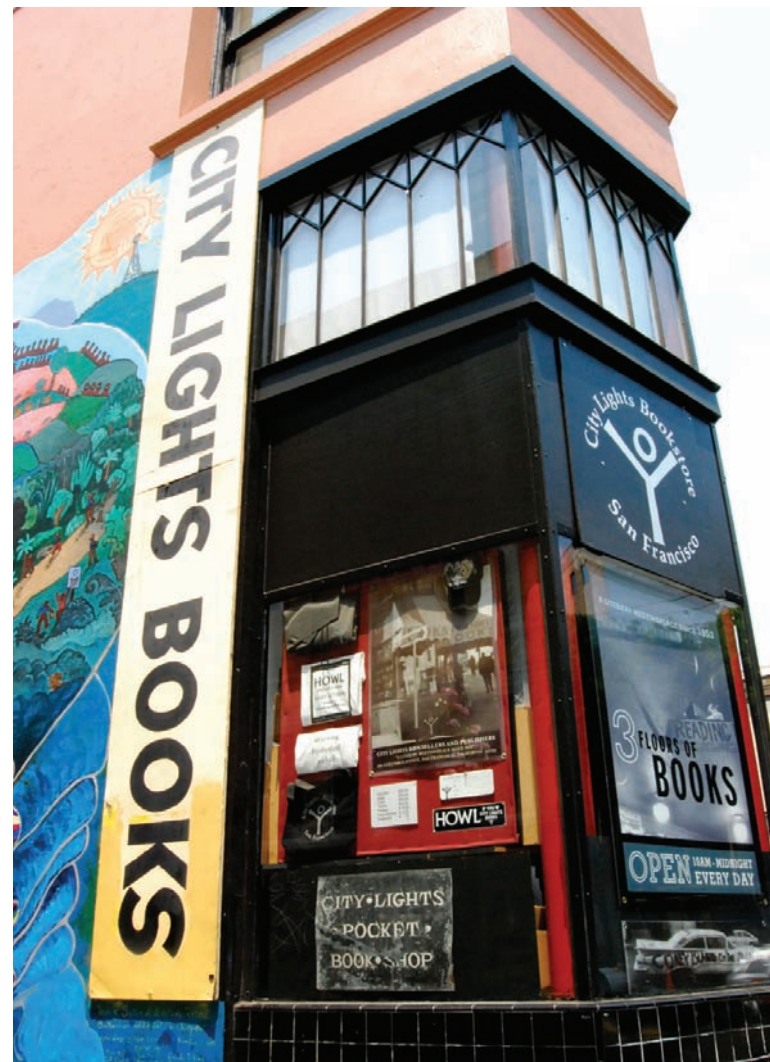
(415) 474-3914, [www.ethnicdancefestival.org](http://www.ethnicdancefestival.org)

### BEST MONUMENTAL URINAL

There is much to celebrate about the ever-static interior of the beloved **House of Shields** as it begins its second century of operation. The yellowing Charles McCabe clipping on the wall tells no lies when it proclaims, "Time Stands Still at the House of Shields." But our favorite relic is not the ruggedly handsome Victorian back bar, the ornate wood paneling, or even the long closed tunnel connecting the old basement speak-easy to the Palace Hotel across the street. And although we enjoy the quirky music programming at this downtown live venue (everything from live blues standards to "twee pop punk"), there's something more. Discreetly tucked away in the men's room is the largest single-user urinal we've ever seen. No chance of missing the mark with this one. Laid on its back, the mammoth porcelain plumbing fixture could double as a short bathtub. They just don't make 'em like they used to. 39 New Montgomery, SF. (415) 392-7732, [www.houseofshields.com](http://www.houseofshields.com)

### BEST CRYSTAL COVER-UP

So you're house-sitting at a friend's swank Noe Valley Victorian, and you decide it couldn't do any harm



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to have a few people over and crack a few beers. Before you know it, a misfired attempt to crowd-surf off the billiard table knocks a priceless Wedgwood bowl on the floor, dashing it to pieces. You may not be as screwed as you think. **Mark Harrington Glass** in the Mission has been repairing glass, crystal, and china by hand since 1932. Co-owner Linda Gotelli says they stay afloat because they've cultivated a "niche" in glasswork: they do everything by hand. This is safer for the glass and allows them to take on odd-sized objects, like a five-foot tall antique Italian olive oil jar. Gotelli says she expects her customers to be honest, but admits that the company offers "invisible repairs" capable of fooling all but the most knowledgeable antiquers. 286 Sanchez, SF. (415) 931-6809, [www.markharrington.com](http://www.markharrington.com)

### BEST STOCKHOLM SYNDROME

The Swedes get to take credit for Ikea and H&M; Legos and modern furniture go to the Danish; the Norwegian cruise around glorious fjords. Finns export Finlandia,

while the Icelandic claim Björk and ram scrota soup as their own. If these many accomplishments don't make Bay-transplanted natives of those consonant-heavy countries lucky enough, they also get a shared cabin in Tahoe (replete with ski boats), a cabin in Clear Lake, and a loft in the city that hosts fabulous parties. All this comes with membership in the **Young Scandinavians Club**, a 58-year-old organization that encourages pride in Nordic heritage and tons of drinking and wakeboarding with tall, tan, white-toothed, blonde people. So dig into your family genealogy and find old Swedish grandpa Gustaf, or marry Henrik, that green-card-seeking Norwegian, to join. People who have lived in a Scandinavian country for more than six months are also invited into the club. Just say *ja*. (415) 346-7450, [www.ysc.org](http://www.ysc.org)

### BEST DETOUR TO UTAH

The **Hotel Utah Saloon** looks like it was hastily assembled out of whatever was lying around — a giant stuffed deer thrusts its head and

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Pink Man on his unicycle ... gotta love it.

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shoulders through the wall near the door, while the second floor gallery seems to float on the stern of a small wooden boat. You get the feeling that if you came back the next day you might find it completely rearranged, or vanished altogether. This isn't surprising in a place as old as the Utah, which celebrates its 100th birthday this year. In the early evening, the bar fills with regulars trading anecdotes with tattooed, comely, competence-oozing barmaidens. Around 9 p.m., the music starts and a younger set drifts in. Over the years, the unpretentious Utah has hosted Robin Williams, musical outfit Cake, and countless local bands — yet the door will rarely set you back more than \$8. The food runs a tad pricey, but the fried cheese sandwich (“fried cheese” sandwich or “fried” cheese sandwich? Our lips are sealed) is worth it and ample enough for two. 500 Fourth St., SF. (415) 546-6300, [www.thehotelutahsaloon.com](http://www.thehotelutahsaloon.com)

## BEST LITTLE WAREHOUSE IN PORT COSTA

A daytrip to Port Costa is not usually on anyone's must-do list, unless you ride a Harley, in which case you're probably already there. This Best of the Bay pick aims to change that. Tucked along the lazy meander of the Carquinez Strait, **Port Costa** (pop. 250) is exactly the sort of place time forgets. What isn't forgotten in Port Costa is the art of having a good time — most evident when belled up to the bar at the Warehouse Café. Filled to bursting with the fanciful detritus of saloon decor such as leather booths, elegantly fringed lampshades, a campy tribute altar to Marilyn Monroe, 1980s-era video games, and a 9-foot tall polar bear in a glass case, the 100+ year-old former grain warehouse also features live music and barbeque on summer Sundays and an everyday list of more than 400 international beers, which you get to pick out of an enormous walk-in cooler on your own — if you ask nicely first. Warehouse Café, 5 Canyon Lake, Port Costa. (510) 787-1827



Jeff Fairclough of Mark Harrington Glass: Best Crystal Cover-Up, page 32 | GUARDIAN PHOTO BY ARLENE ROMANA

## BEST SHROOMIN'

Forget that shady dude in the Haight: the best people to score shrooms with are the members of the **Mycological Society of San Francisco**, a nonprofit formed in 1950 to promote an exchange of information about gathering and eating mushrooms. (Sorry, but we're not talking about the mushrooms that go with psychedelic felt posters.) The society welcomes any newcomers interested in moving past the white button salad staple to learn about where to gather mushrooms and how to detect poisonous specimens. Lectures and meetings held by professional mycologists are held monthly, and group gathering expeditions provide a chance to bond in the outdoors with your fellow enoki enthusiasts. An adjunct culinary society hosts potluck dinners every month, with every dish, from the chanterelle salad to the candy cap mushroom cookies (trust us, they're delicious) featuring the fungi among us. And don't forget the biannual fungus fairs, which help the public learn *more-l* (groan) about mushrooming and mycology. [www.mssf.org](http://www.mssf.org)

## BEST SUBCULTURAL CIRCULATION

Skateboarding may have been born on the streets of Los Angeles, but the sport and/or lifestyle would've been destined to a future of irrelevance — remember Rollerbladers? — had it not been hijacked more than 25 years ago by the San Franciscan gangstas who run **Thrasher Magazine**. The founders of the lo-fi zine — now a globally distributed glossy — dedicated themselves to defining what it meant to be a skateboarder as opposed to a surfer bro who occasionally rode around on a piece of wood. The current editorial team, headed by local legend Jake Phelps, carries on that tradition today, infusing a distinct SF feel into modern global skate culture. Thanks to *Thrasher's* coverage of underground music, fashion, and events, skateboarding has grown into a full-fledged subculture with its own set of rules, a truly bizarre crew of nonconformist leaders, and an indisputable spot at the top of the pop culture food chain. [www.thrashermagazine.com](http://www.thrashermagazine.com)

## BEST SLICES OF HISTORY

For 30 years the Inner Sunset's **Milano Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant** has been helping folks get their piece of the pie. It's a real-deal mom-and-pop pizza joint where an old TV flickers above the

clinking of plates and glasses and the rumbling of the streetcar. The staff buzzes about while friends sit at tables eating heartily, drinking \$5 pitchers of IPA, and conversing amiably. Photos line the walls — and this is what really makes Milano special: three decades' worth of San Francisco memories. Old-time regulars hold up Milano T-shirts, athletes show off regional title trophies, and would-be actors and actresses stare with dramatic intent. There are sepia-toned shots of the owners' family and a loving memorial to Jack and Dolores, namesakes of the Jack and Dolores Special (Canadian bacon, garlic, onions, feta, and pesto). Many autographed pics of local music acts whose members have worked at Milano are also displayed, including one of DJ Shadow, taken at Milano by Annie Leibovitz for *Rolling Stone*. But even if you never become quite that famous, at least there's a hot slice waiting for you. 1390 Ninth Ave., SF. (415) 665-3773

## BEST DREAM FACTORY

No other Bay Area film production house possesses the charm, history, and long-term awesomeness of Francis Ford Coppola's 39-year-old art collective turned premier cinematic dream factory, **American Zoetrope**. The legendary company has put out some of the world's most acclaimed titles (the *Godfather* trilogy, *Apocalypse Now*, *Lost in Translation*), nurtures local up-and-coming directors and screenwriters, and represents the apex of the classy side of San Francisco's movie industry. Coppola's reach doesn't stop with film, of course. His empire has grown to include an award-winning literary magazine, a distinguished winery, and a restaurant and bar called Café Zoetrope in the fabulously triangular and historic Sentinel Building, American Zoetrope's operational home base (and also where the Kingston Trio recorded many of their hits, the Caesar salad was reportedly invented, and the Coppola family has its pied-à-terre). Coppola's team congregates at the bar after work to drink with other esteemed locals like Lawrence Ferlinghetti or chat with legendary tale-spinning bartender Peter. [www.zoetrope.com](http://www.zoetrope.com)

## BEST VIVACIOUS UNDERGROUND VENUE

**Café Du Nord** turned 100 this year, but the roster of live performers that enlivens this well-appointed, intimate, literally underground music venue remains anything but musty. Forward-thinking (if history-respecting) music makers Rykarda



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**Laughing Sal at Musée Mécanique: Best Place to Score Crank,**  
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Parasol, Nada Surf, and Raised by Robots joined spunky old-schoolers like Rickie Lee Jones, Was (Not Was), and the Lady Tigra on the schedule this year, and the sometimes raucous Porch Light storytelling series, organized by writers Beth Lisick and Arline Klatte, keeps San Francisco's literary scene on its toes. Located beneath the Swedish American Hall, Du Nord features several holdovers from its speakeasy days, including trapdoors and an elaborate system of tunnels, and the ghosts of illicit-grog-swilling artists, working girls, and con men are said to sometimes join in the modern-day revelry. Yet updates abound: owner Guy Carson is building a daytime café and gallery adjacent to the music hall; featuring musicians' art in exhibits that tie in with shows, it's slated to open in mid-September. 2170 Market, SF. (415) 861-5016, [www.cafedunord.com](http://www.cafedunord.com)

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#### Gavin Newsom

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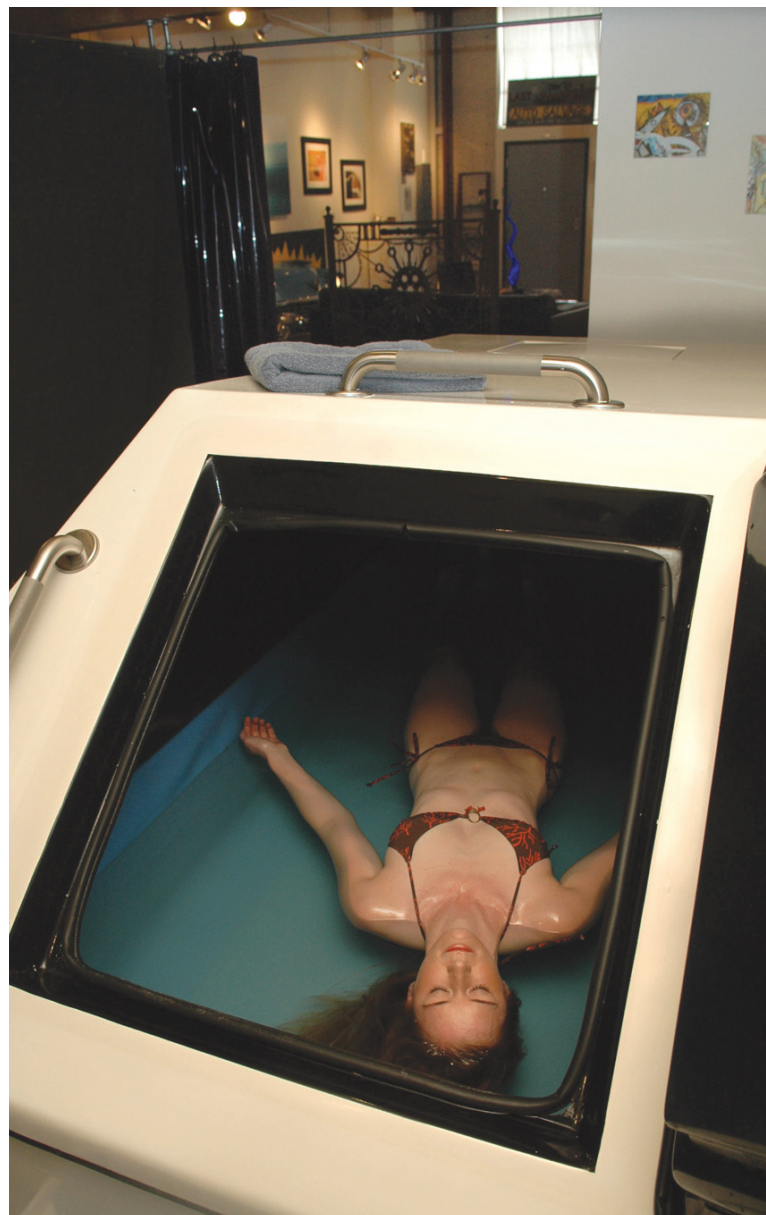
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## EDITORS PICKS

### BEST PIRATES ON THE DIAL

We love the independents, and it doesn't get much more independent



Kelly Vogel at Float: Best Drug-Free Altered State, page 44

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than pirate radio. **West Add Radio**, on 93.7 FM, features some of the most adventurous musical programming in the city — from minimal techno crew Kontrol and Green Gorilla Lounge's *M3 to Cobain in a Coma*, a show about music, celebrity gossip, and homo drug culture with a cult following, and *Pancake Radio*, with prolific DJ Ryan Poulsen. The advantage to flying under FCC radar? Anything goes — the seven dirty words, explicit lyrics, inappropriate banter, obscure kraut rock — if you're lucky enough to pick up the signal. Otherwise, you can access the live stream and podcast archive online. (Hurray for the Internet.) In addition to its radio programming, West Add has become known for its parties, most significantly the monthly Italo-disco Ferrari at Deco Lounge, but also quirky nights such as "Merry Crass-mas," a tribute to CRASS. West Add has also started releas-

ing the free zine *WAR* in collaboration with Aquarius Records. Radio's not dead! [www.westaddradio.com](http://www.westaddradio.com)

### BEST DRIVEWAY OF DESTINY

Driving in these eco-conscious times may be unfortunate, but since 2002, when artists Harrell Fletcher and Jon Rubin stenciled fortunes into each of its parking spaces, the **North Beach Parking Garage** has offered a curious kind of hope. Some fortunes are cookie classics ("Opportunity is fleeting"). Others are enticingly bawdy ("There is a party inside you" abutting "Your lovers [plural] will never wish to leave you"). Some contain road rage management tips ("It is often better to not see insult than to avenge it") or reality checks ("Your trouble is that you think you have time"). The best of 'em trigger intriguing dilemmas for the superstitious — do you cast a shadow over your

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perfect spiritual balance by the time you exit, but you can't help feeling slightly more enlightened.

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## BEST MICROWAVE TOSS

Most people just throw their broken electronics in the trash. If your conscience won't let you contribute to the 220 tons of e-waste dumped annually in the United States alone, consider hauling the dot matrix printer you've been guiltily hiding in the basement for the past 15 years to an electronics recycling service.

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## BEST NO-NONSENSE KNOT REMOVAL

Forget the soothing new age music, bubbling indoor waterfalls, and arcane aromatherapy. Sometimes you're broke, your back is full of knots, and all you want at the end of a rough week is a no-nonsense deep-tissue massage. At **Jin Healing for Women** a 60-minute full body will set you back \$39 — or \$30 if you buy a six-hour package. For that price, who cares if they don't serve cucumber water or slather you in organic clay? The massage style falls somewhere between shiatsu and Swedish: the masseurs use oil, acupressure, and plenty of strength. The best part of the massage is arguably the hot towel treatment at the end. Some may complain that the place is too noisy — it's not uncommon to hear the receptionist answering the phone or people talking outside — but it's nothing that earplugs or an iPod can't block out. While Jin Healing for Women is advertised as serving women only, some have found that men are not turned away if accompanied by a female friend or family member. 999 Powell, SF; 3557 Geary, SF. (415) 986-1111

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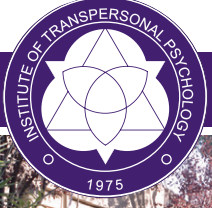
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### BEST BEATS KEEP BOPPIN'

North Beach has come a long way since the days when Lawrence Ferlinghetti et al. drank gallons of cheap red wine at Caffe Trieste. Though it's now more frat boy than the best minds of a generation starv-

ing, hysterical, and naked, North Beach does sometimes remember its poetic beat heritage. For a weekend each May, **Kerouac Alley** — recently repaved with cobblestones and stone tablets engraved with quotes by Western and Chinese poets — is home to dozens of emerging and established artists showcasing their recent work in the open air for Art in the Alley. Live music, painting, poetry, and sculpture bring back the creative bohemian buzz that enveloped North Beach before the blonde beer haze did, and the art is always on display at fab sponsor Vesuvio bar for a couple of weeks before the festival. Perhaps best of all, at the end of the alley is surreal karaoke bar Bow Bow's, where bartender Mama Candy serves a mean Tokyo Tea. After some heady art and a couple of those, you'll be shouting lines from *Howl* yourself. Kerouac Alley, between Columbus and Broadway, SF. [www.vesuvio.com](http://www.vesuvio.com)

### BEST [EUPHEMISM] WAX

Women's products and services are all about euphemism. Douche becomes a feminine cleansing product; a period becomes "celebrating one's femininity." And of course, the bikini wax, or Brazilian, is really a way to get hair off your cha-cha. Lonni of **Lonni's Punani**

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### BEST PUPIL PAINTER

Master artists don't always work on canvas or paper. **Steven R. Young**, BCO, uses little plastic orbs as his canvases. And his work never appears in museums: you see it on people's faces, and most of the time, he's so good you never know it's there. Young paints eyes — false eyes, replacements for people who have lost a real eye to accidents, disease, or surgery. The ocularist gets referrals from the top surgeons in the Bay Area, but his studio hardly looks like a doctor's office: he has the TV blaring much of the time, and he jokes around with his customers, particularly kids. In the end, though, he's all business as he replicates, by hand, with tiny, fine brushes, the exact look of a customer's companion eye, restoring much comfort and confidence. His shop also handles the fabrication and custom fitting. The results can be uncanny — we've known people who went to Young for a prosthesis, and even from very close you couldn't tell the fake eye from the real one.

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### BEST DRUG-FREE ALTERED STATE

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about sensory deprivation chambers, those weird water tanks psychology students use to study brain chemistry and sleep cycles. In a deprivation chamber you are utterly alone. Your body is suspended in warm water, your ears are submerged so you can't hear a thing, and it's totally dark, odorless, and soundproof. The entire world melts away, and you're left with raw brain waves. Outside of a ketamine trip, it's the most detached experience humanly possible. Lose yourself at **Float**, then, an art gallery with a room full of deprivation tanks. 1091 Calcot Place, Unit 116, Oakl. (510) 535-1702, [www.thefloatcenter.com](http://www.thefloatcenter.com)

### BEST LOOK TIGHT, HAIR DID

Everybody's meetin' **Down at Lulu's** — for new clothes and a new hairdo. Co-owners Seth Bogart (of raunchy electro-rap band Gravy Train!!!) and Tina Lucchesi set up shop two years ago and describe the Down at Lulu's ambience as "*Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* takes a field trip to the candy factory." Which is another way of saying that this is a place for hot-blooded people who aren't afraid of color or taking a dare. They'll cut you — and you'll like it! They'll bleach you and they'll blow you — dry — and you'll come back for more! If you're a girl, you can find the purse you love while you're waiting for your dye job to set. If you're a pouty-lipped boy with shaggy hair, ask them to style you like Matt Dillon circa 1979 and you'll be sure to send a rebel army of crushes over the edge. Down at Lulu's, that's where it's at. 6603 Telegraph, Oakl. (510) 601-0964, [www.downatlulus.com](http://www.downatlulus.com)

### BEST REVOLUTION ON WHEELS

You know, the hippies weren't just dirty, fatuous potheads with annoying slogans and bad taste in clothes. They were also big into *causes*. You say you want a revolution? Well, c'mon — we all wanna change the world. There's got to be an easier way than adopting a baby from Mali, you know? I mean, you're gonna have to feed and water that kid for, like, 18 years — without the benefit of Brangelina's army of nannies. How about this for a solution? Not only is **Pedal Revolution** a full-service bike shop, with both new and used rides, but it's also a nonprofit that helps at-risk youth gain valuable skills to keep them off the streets. It accepts tax-deductible donations of bicycles, and for \$30 a year you can become a member and work on your





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bike at the Community Membership Workbench, which will give you some skills and save you a bundle on repair costs. Also, the shop's got really cool logo T-shirts, which means you can show you care without, you know, growing dreadlocks and playing hacky sack in Golden Gate Park. 3085 21st St., SF. (415) 641-1264, [www.pedalrevolution.org](http://www.pedalrevolution.org)

#### **BEST STROBOSCOPIC ZOETROPER**

Burning Man has inspired and elevated some amazing Bay Area artists over the years, but Peter Hudson, a.k.a. **Hudzo**, has become a star both on and off the playa using a unique medium: stroboscopic zoetropes. Hudzo is a San Francisco carpenter and stagehand who has designed sets for the San Francisco Opera, Kink.com porn flicks, and the upcoming *Milk* movie. His first piece for Burning Man, *Playa Swimmers*, used strobe lights and precise molds of the human form to give the appearance of figures swimming in the desert sands. He's returned every year with steadily more ambitious projects, which culminated last year in *Homourobos*: a bicycle- and drum-powered carousel that conjured

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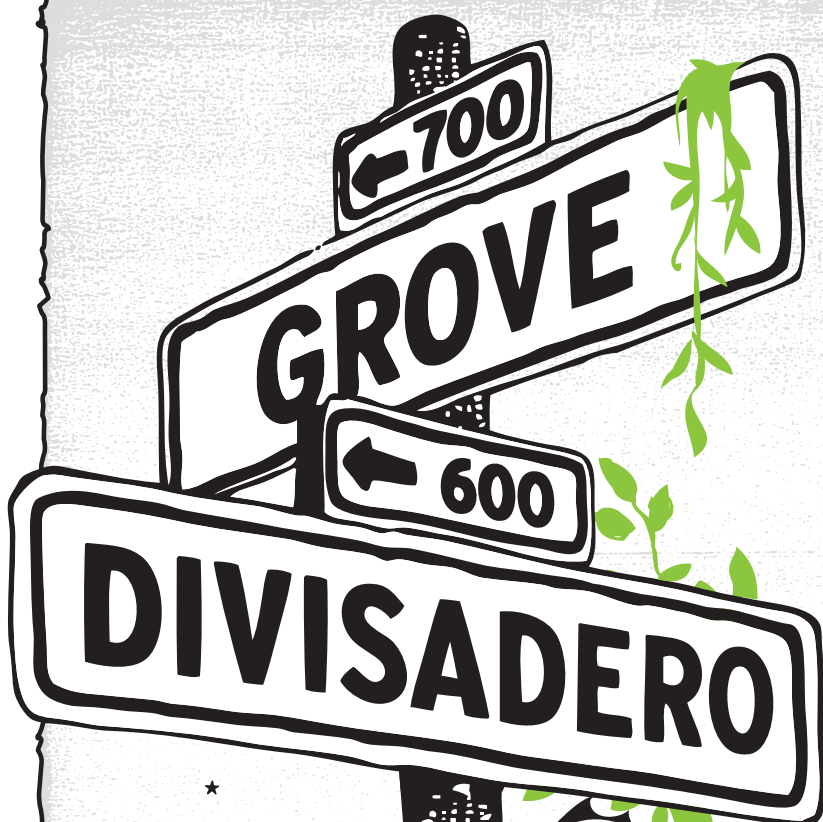


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up the vision of a monkey swinging from limb to limb, then taking a bite from an apple delivered by a snake slithering down a vine. Installations in San Jose, Minneapolis, and other cities followed. Now Hudzo is busy putting together his next piece, *Tantalus*, working with a huge group of committed volunteers out of his SoMa home.  
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## BEST TIBETAN FREEDOM FIGHTER

It'd be far too easy and predictable for the *Guardian* to give *Chronicle* columnist **C.W. Nevius** a sarcastic

Best of the Bay award for spending the last year beating up the homeless and their advocates in a succession of articles. But Nevius reached a new level of hilarity April 10. When the controversial Olympic torch made its way to San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom was so worried pro-Tibetan demonstrators would clash with supporters of Beijing and the Olympic Games that he clandestinely diverted the torch's route at the last minute. The  
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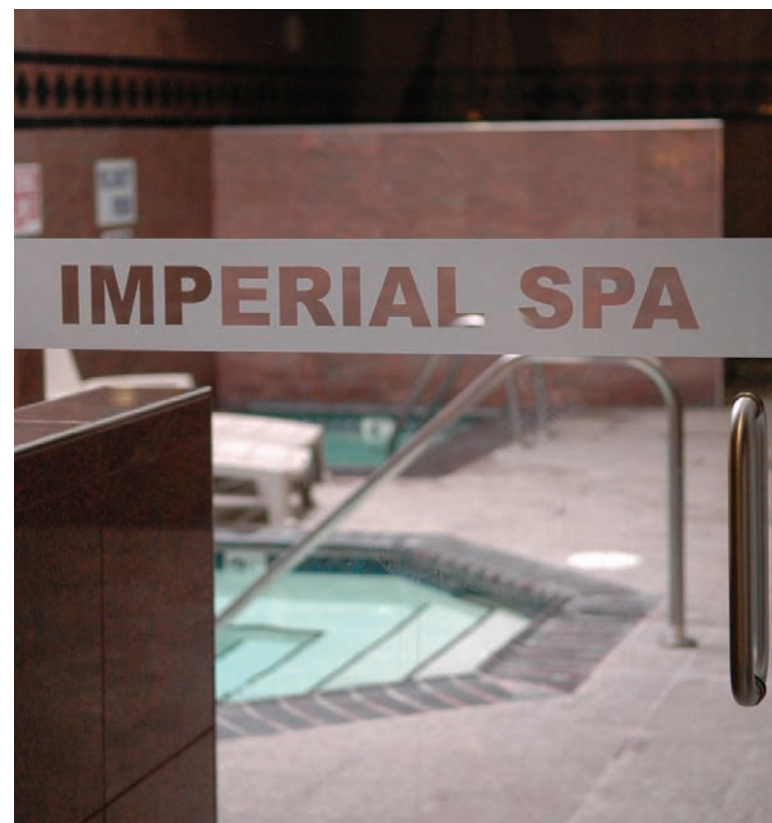
result, according to Nevius, is that the swelling crowds of people who were defending China near the ball park, where the torch was originally expected to pass, didn't threaten the critics of China's human rights record. In other words, Nevius seemed to imply that Newsom saved free speech. Uh, yeah. All the red flags in the world are no match for the colossal figures who appeared in San Francisco to support Tibet and condemn Beijing — including actor Richard Gere and *motherfucking Archbishop Desmond Tutu*. Tutu, you might recall, sleeps with a Nobel Peace Prize around his neck. The pro-Tibet movement doesn't need Gavin Newsom. Nice try, though, Nevius.

## BEST MOVING ONWARD AND UPWARD

Ever-lurking danger in the streets means that many city kids barely leave their own block, let alone experience the pleasure of long bike rides. But thanks to **Cycles of Change**, East Bay youth are learning how to venture through the urban jungle and beyond safely on two wheels. The 10-year-old collective, headed by Maya Carson and Grey Goykolevzon, draws inspiration from the famed Bikes Not Bombs project and other like-minded organizations. Run in the basements of approximately 13 Alameda County schools, COC takes kids on training rides and shows them how to obey the rules of the road and navigate safe routes from home to school. Serious bike club members pedal up into the hills on longer rides and also learn marketable skills like bicycle repair and how to run their own after-school programs. The organization, soon to be a nonprofit, would love you to donate any unwanted non-rusty, functional bikes to its bike shop in Alameda. (510) 595-4625, www.cyclesofchange.org

## BEST GIRL-TO-GIRL SUPPORT

It takes a girl to understand the issues other girls face today regarding relationships, body image, pregnancy, and parents who don't understand, or can't help, or worse, abuse them. It also takes a girl who's worn those shoes to know how to help another girl get where she wants to go. For the past 10 years, the young women who run **GirlSource** have been training local low-income teens for their future,



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by teaching them how to build a Web site, digitally edit photos, take leadership roles, and express themselves through writing. The results are impressive. After receiving SAT prep and counseling on all the teen issues that can thwart potential co-eds, most of the girls participating in the program go on to attend college, where GirlSource continues to support them. Some of them come back to offer peer counseling to new girls coming up, thus completing an important cycle in creating better community. 1550 Bryant, Ste. 675, SF. (415) 252-8880, www.girlsource.org

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## BEST TORCHBEARER FOR THE '60S

The **Unity Foundation**, a lively nonprofit, was founded in 1976 to keep the flames of the 1960s alive and "promote world peace, cooperation, and unity." Its founder and president, Bill McCarthy, is a classic '60s entrepreneur, renowned for producing the stunningly successful 20th- and 30th-anniversary Summer of Love celebrations in Golden Gate Park. Unity accomplishes its ambitious mission through cultural and educational events, media campaigns, and a monthly television program on SF Access, channel 29, called *Positive Spin*, which is produced by McCarthy himself. Unity hosts annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for children in the Mission District, organizes a weekly street-cleaning program, and has thrown three Unity Fairs in the Mission. The foundation also puts together special public service announcements for the United Nations and presents UN-specific segments on its TV program. McCarthy recently set up his own



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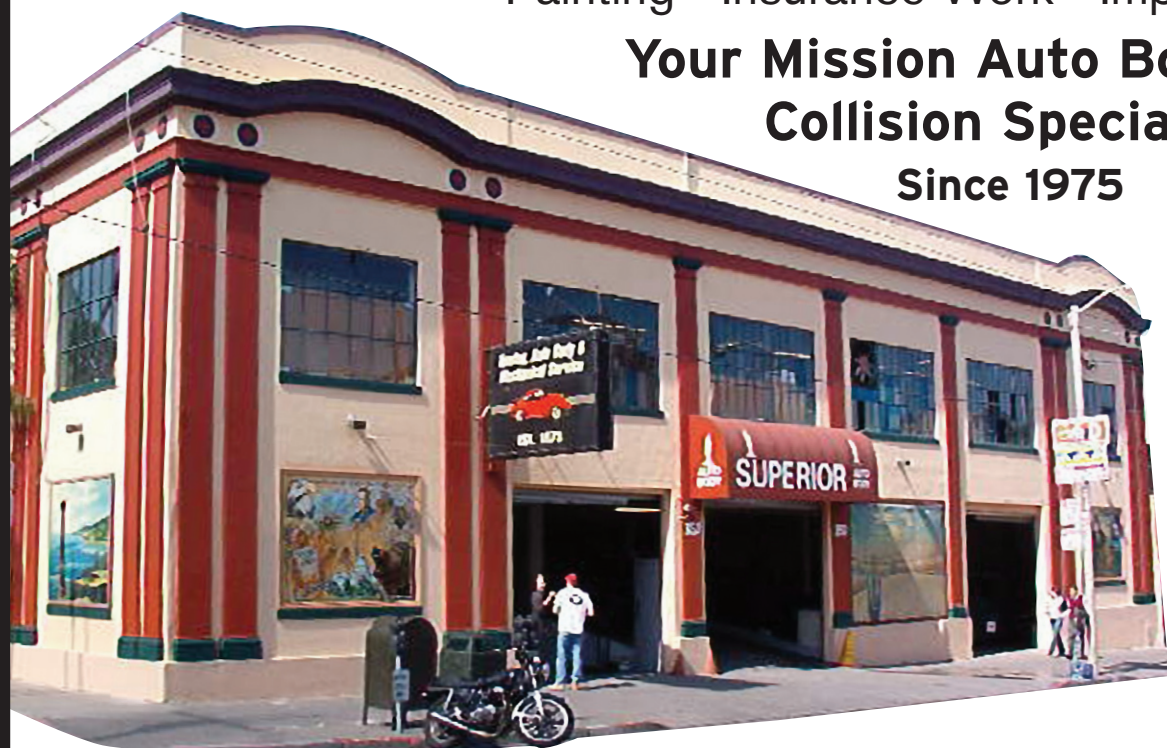
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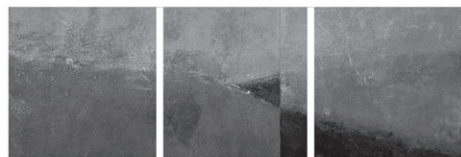
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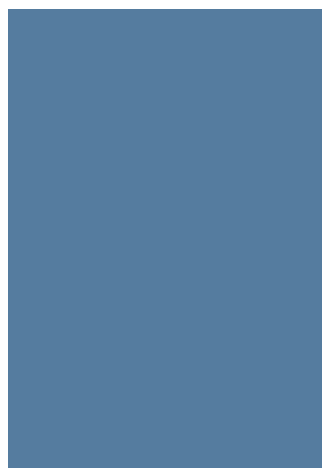
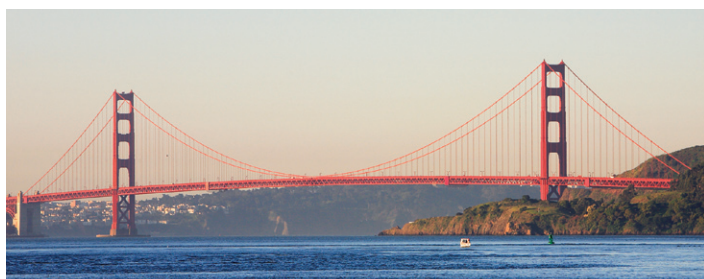


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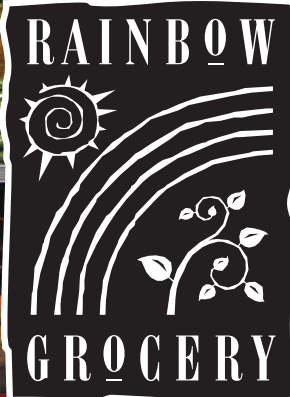
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Calling **Sabra Grill** the "best glatt kosher meal in Chinatown" sounds like a backhanded bitchslap along the lines of Flight of the Conchords' paean to the "most beautiful girl in the whole wide room." But it's no joke: Sabra is the city's only restaurant with a full-time resident mashgiach (supervisor of adherence to kashrut, or Jewish dietary laws). Everything on the Israeli menu is generously portioned, and you can't go wrong with the greaseless, well-spiced falafel tucked inside a perfectly pillowy pita with luscious tomatoes, crisp lettuce, saucy tahini, and pickles, washed down with a Maccabee beer. But don't go on weekend nights: Sabra closes, of course, two hours before sundown on Friday and all day Saturday. Sabbath, sweets, although a special for-Shabbat takeout menu is available. 419 Grant Avenue, SF. (415) 982-3656, [www.sabragrill.com](http://www.sabragrill.com)



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### BEST GINGER MILK, WITH OR WITHOUT FALLOPIAN TUBES

The gaggle of teenagers at **Sweetheart Café** is here for the impressive selection of boba tea, coffee "freeze" drinks, shaved ices, slushies, and smoothies, plus perhaps a snack of popcorn chicken and a bag of muscat gummies to go. But the item that really puts the sweet in Sweetheart is the ginger milk, a Hong Kong creation of warm sweetened milk and fresh ginger juice, which gels the milk. Some versions of ginger milk have the texture of flan, but this one is more like cappuccino — served in a coffee cup, it has a thick, foamy cap of custard above warm, peppery, ginger-laced milk. It's the perfect foggy-weather drink (and yes, that does include Irish coffee). If you're feeling more dessert-minded, try it with the optional bird's nest or harsmar (a topping made from the dried fallopian tubes of a frog, it has a glutinous texture and sweet flavor). 909 Grant Avenue, SF. (415) 262-9998

### BEST INDIAN FINGER-FOOD

Indian food is pretty much the best stuff on the planet, but it's hard to eat casually, like, say, when you're really drunk and nowhere near a table with plates and cutlery. Most

ravenous sots will forgo the greasy cartons of mixed sabzi and chicken masala in favor of something more drunk-friendly, like a burrito or a slice of pizza. But there are plenty of tikka freaks who'll risk slimy fingers and curry-stained sheets just to get a bellyful of spicy brown-and-yellow glop. Well, they don't have to. **Zante**, a pizza parlor in Bernal Heights run by an Indian chef with a doctorate in dough flipping, has been serving up handheld versions of classic Indian Cuisine for years. It sounds like magic, but Zante's "Indian pizzas" are really just traditional dishes baked onto pieces of naan bread. Genius. 3489 Mission, SF. (415) 821-3949, [www.zantepizza.com](http://www.zantepizza.com)

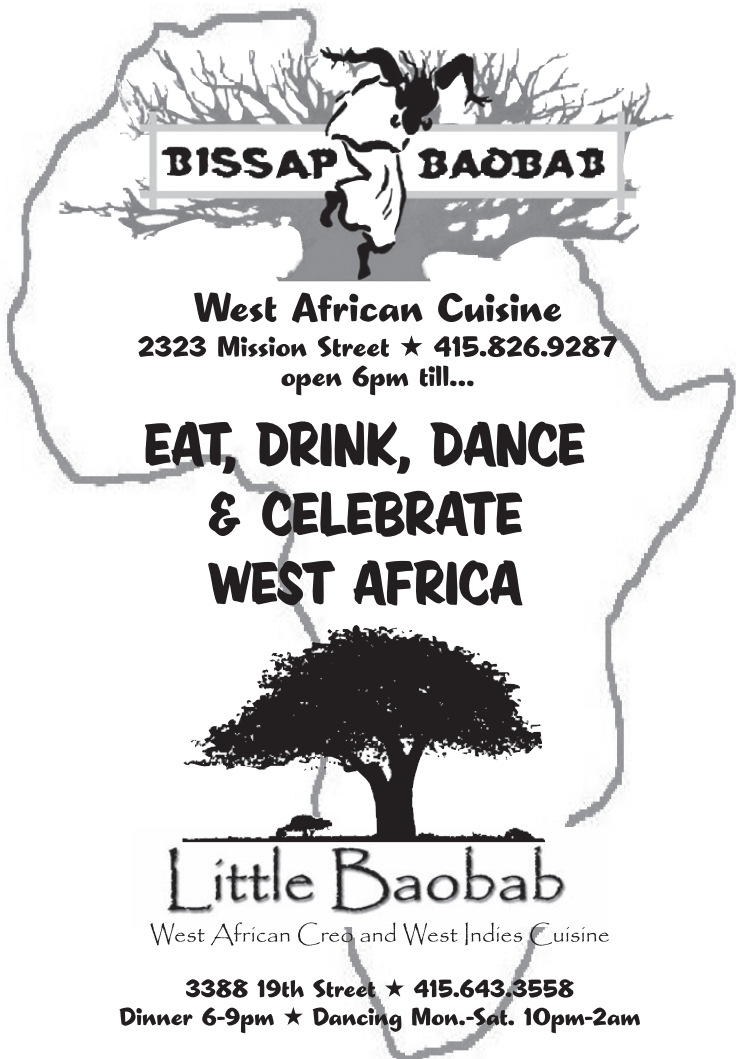
### BEST WAY TO GET YOUR GEODUCKS IN A ROW

The geoduck (pronounced gooey-duck) is a bivalve mollusk that lives deep under the sand, alerting potential predators of its presence with a geyser-like spray. This culinary delight, which can be up to three feet long, looks like a giant clam with a phallic protrusion sized to match. And like many foods that are difficult to obtain and reminiscent of human genitalia, geoducks are considered a culinary delicacy in some places. In this case, those



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places are Japan and especially China, where geoducks are prized for their savory flavor, crunchy texture, and rumored sexual performance-enhancing qualities. Despite San Francisco's considerable Asian population, you can only find the suggestive dish in one local restaurant: **Kim Thanh** in the Tenderloin, where tanks of geoducks line the front windows. Not ready to put something so big and foreign in your mouth? Kim Thanh's salt-baked crab, seafood clay pot, and garlic noodles are great too. 607 Geary, SF. (415) 928-6627



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### BEST FLAMING PRIMATES (PLUS POLAROID)

Cocktail ingredients seem to be getting more and more esoteric these days, with elderflower liqueur and kumquat garnishes taking the places long held by cheap vodka and nuclear maraschinos. **Lingba Lounge’s Bowl of Monkeys** may not be able to compete in the Cocktail as Art category, with its basic blend of dark rum, light rum, lime, amaretto, and pineapple juice (all mixers your mom has actually heard of), but it’s giving competitors a run for their money in the Cocktail as Gimmick race. How? With its “garnish,” a flame in the center of the plastic-monkey-rimmed vessel, plus a Polaroid photo taken to commemorate what will surely be a memorable night (especially if you finish the \$24 drink, meant for two but big enough for four, on your own). Once you’ve had a Bowl of Monkeys, hit the dance floor and get your monkeys up in someone else’s bowl.

1469 18th St., SF. (415) 647-6469, [www.lingba.com](http://www.lingba.com)

### BEST UNASSUMING WAPPA MESHI

Judging from the standard fare at most of the city’s Japanese restaurants, you might think the Japanese subsist solely on sushi and shabu-shabu. Not so! Japan is so full of weird and wonderful edibles, it would take a lifetime to eat your way through them all. But maybe you can start at **Maki Restaurant**, San Francisco’s premiere location for wappa-meshi. A “wappa” is one of those ubiquitous round wooden steamers you can find stacked to the ceiling at deep discount kitchenware shops on Clement Street, and



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wappa-meshi is said container filled with rice and meat, fish, or vegetables that are then steamed together. The flavor, like the best Japanese foods, is subtle and exquisite in its simplicity. Although the menu at Maki punches the pocketbook a little harder than noshing at No-Name used to, as a genteel taste of *Kansai* cuisine, you won’t find better.

Maki Restaurant, 1825 Post, SF. (415) 921-5215

### BEST THOMAS KELLER ALTERNATIVE TO A THOMAS KELLER RESTAURANT

Established in the fall of 2006 as a temporary culinary experiment by chef Thomas Keller, **ad hoc** is a delicious casual restaurant located just down the street from Keller’s famed flagship restaurant, French Laundry. The philosophy behind ad hoc is simple: a unique four-course prix-fixe menu is presented daily and served family-style in a cozy, convivial atmosphere. Current chef de cuisine Dave Cruz seems to specialize in comfort food staples like fried chicken and buttermilk biscuits or steak and potatoes, but endows them with haute cuisine flourishes. As with French Laundry, ad hoc’s emphasis

is on fresh, organic ingredients and plenty of vegetables — so vegetarians are as welcome as carnivores. And while reservations are certainly recommended, the low maintenance hospitality of ad hoc allows you to experience the magic of Thomas Keller without the three month wait ... or the exorbitant bill.

6476 Washington, Yountville. (707) 944-2487, [www.adhocrestaurant.com](http://www.adhocrestaurant.com)

### BEST APRÈS-DINNER SMOOCH

Though Philippe Gardelle and his wife Ellen started their small Richmond District bistro, **Chapeau!**, 12 years ago, it remains one of the best sources of French cuisine in the city. Classic but far from pretentious, Chapeau! has a warm, rustic, bistro mood whose roots are more Provençal than Parisian. The menu offers a wide range of delectable dishes, from classic high-cuisine favorites like coq au vin or duck confit served with cabbage and smoked bacon as well as more traditional “peasant” fare like cassoulet. Monsieur Gardelle’s passion for food extends

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well beyond the plate. He is also the host and sommelier, laughing and drinking his way from table to table. After the meal, the bill comes to the table in a hat (the nominal "chapeau") and the garrulous Gardelle will not let you leave without a kiss and a hug. As an indication of their success, the Gardelles recently purchased and renovated nearby hot spot Clementine. 1408 Clement, SF. (415) 750-9787

### BEST CANDY FOR GROWN-UPS

People always talk about how San Francisco has more singles than any other place on the planet, but that's just a nice way of saying that this city is full of aging hedonists who refuse to grow up. Marriage, cars, house payments? Yeah, right. Many San Franciscans are content to waste away their late 20s and early 30s in the pursuit of drink, fashion, casual sex, and candy. Yes, candy. With a population composed almost entirely of poorly groomed Peter Pans and tattooed Tinker Bells, it makes sense that the city would produce some of the best candy on the planet. Newest on the confectionary scene is **Lollyphile**,

whose limited runs of gourmet lollipops satisfy the mature palettes of eternally young adults as much as they might make a real kid want to barf. But that's beside the point. Flavors like bacon-maple and absinthe have been designed for the young at heart, not for those who are actually young. (415) 690-5198, [www.lollyphile.com](http://www.lollyphile.com)

### BEST CELTIC NACHOS

A stop by Taquería Can-Cun at 2 a.m. will prove that the Mission is certainly not hard-up for good nachos. But when it's Wednesday and you've already had more than your weekly recommended servings of the Mexican food group, try the **Phoenix Pub's** European take on this layered delight — Irish potato nachos. The pub's version matches steaming spuds, black beans, jack and cheddar cheeses, guacamole, and crème fraîche in one big cross-cultural medley. Plus, you get complimentary Irish soda bread with table service, or on request at the bar. Add frothy beer on tap, strong Long Island iced teas, and a room full of Steelers fans, and you've got a perfect Sunday afternoon — unless, of course, you're loyal to the Patriots.

811 Valencia, SF. (415) 695-1811, [www.phoenixirishbar.com](http://www.phoenixirishbar.com)

### BEST CLASSY KIMCHEE

Kimchee — cabbage shreds fermented with garlic and chili peppers — is about as earthy as it gets. Despite its robust flavors, it need not be crude. Context is everything, and the context at **Namu** is all about spare, modern style. When a little heap of kimchee appears on your complimentary platter of banchan, it doesn't look at all out of place — even on a serving dish that looks like something acquired at the SFMOMA gift shop. The geniuses behind the inner Richmond restaurant (a trifecta of brothers: David, Dennis, and Daniel Lee) are all about sophistication, and their restaurant glows like a dark jewel on a commercial stretch of Balboa otherwise lined with Russian bakeries, laundromats, and cheap Chinese restaurants. (You'll know you're there when you start having to navigate through clusters of thirtysomethings in sleek black clothes working their handhelds while waiting for tables to open up.) Don't think you'll be stuck just eating kimchee here, either. The mostly pan-Asian fare is stellar, as is the surprisingly good burger.

489 Balboa, SF. (415) 386-8332, [www.namubar.com](http://www.namubar.com)

### BEST CHICKEN SANDWICH QUEUE

All the Popeyes hopped up on all the spinach in the world couldn't take **Bakesale Betty**. This fantastic bakery, famous for brilliant multitudes of chocolate chip cookies and gingersnaps, also serves an astounding fried chicken sandwich well worth a jaunt over the Bay Bridge. A veritable conveyor belt of young bakers on site assemble this breaded-poultry masterpiece with machinelike precision. Add freshly baked bread and jalapeño coleslaw garnish, and you've got a sandwich that has lunch-goers lined up around the block. But don't let the wait scare you. Like any good grandmother, blue-haired Betty and her smiling staff keep the restless children (and hungry adults) occupied with refreshing lemonade slushies and complimentary cookies — not to mention hip-hop, indie rock, or electronic music playing loud enough to keep heads bobbing. Also try this Temescal hot spot's chicken pot pie, egg salad sandwich, and fresh strawberry shortcake. Take it all to go or people watch at Betty's genius ironing board patio.

5098 Telegraph, Oakl. (415) 985-1213



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## BEST BOTTOMLESS MORNING AFTER

There's no reason to end your weekend on Saturday night — not when the sassy, gorgeous wait-staff at Upper Market's **Lime** are serving bottomless mimosas for \$7 on Sunday mornings. The brunch scene is something like a Hollywood movie set, though it's hard to determine whether that film is more *Sex and the City* (beautiful people in Fendi shades) or *Austin Powers* (the chocolate brown and white leather decor is so groovy, baby). Either way, it works for the hungover twentysomethings who consistently fill the dining room, looking for a little protein and a lot of hair of the dog. The menu here is surprisingly good for a place built for a party, and the mini-burgers are perfect for eating even when your hands have the shakes. An extra bonus? You don't have to bother changing out of the clothes you wore to the club last night — no one else has been home yet, either.

2247 Market, SF. (415) 621-5256, [www.lime-sf.com](http://www.lime-sf.com)

## BEST FROZEN GLAM

How glam can yogurt get? Pretty darn fancy-schmancy, according to the sleek, chic, and überstylin' **Jubili**. The nation's Pinkberry-spurred soft-style yogurt explosion continues unabated, but where are the real contenders to Pinkberry's crown? The immaculate, moderne, and nightclubby Jubili seems to be the only true potential usurper, all with only a trio of flavors: original, peach, and strawberry sorbet. Perhaps it's because the array of dry, cereal, and fresh fruit toppings is always a boggling delight to encounter. And why choose just one? Jubili ushers in My Parfait, a tall, cool serving of low-fat vanilla yogurt, two fruit toppings, and house granola. Next up, for all you closeted teens who never quite quit gobbling Cocoa Pebbles straight from the box: My Cereal, a serving of cold nubbins or hot oatmeal, milk or soy milk, and one topping. Perfect for spooning up while sitting beside fashiony Asian girls or twentysomethings wearing mouse ears and reading manga. Yami Yogurt — we never knew ye.

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## BEST FRENCH BURRITOS

The laws of the working drunkard state that if you're gonna drink, you gotta eat. Thus, within walking distance of nearly every great SF bar, there sits an equally amazing food stand. The Mission has its taquerías; the Castro has its all-night diners; and most neighborhoods have late-night pizza and Thai. But SoMa's got something special: **Crepes A-Go-Go**, which robs European burritos of their foreign mystique by serving them from a broken-down trailer, the way God intended. After a night of dancing and debauchery, hit up the shack near Harrison Street for down-and-dirty crepes. You won't find delicate Suzettes here, but you can score just about any other variation on the theme. Sweet, savory, sickening? Yup. Equipped with multiple brands of hot sauce, vegetables, meat, assorted cheeses, and jumbo jars of Nutella, this French chuckwagon will have you digesting your hangover away before your head hits the pillow ... or sidewalk.

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Somewhere between a latke and a potato pizza, the brambory, a Czech culinary favorite, is both delicious and, in the Bay Area at least, rare. Enter **Frankie's Bohemian Café**, where the crisp-bottomed delight is available in several incarnations. Every house specialty starts with a thick base of shredded potato and zucchini pancake, comparable to the comforting potato pancakes you find more easily on the East Coast,



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Kristen, Bernal Heights



which is then topped with mozzarella and your choice of meat: carnitas, sausage and meatballs, BBQ shrimp, chicken and bell peppers, or steak and guacamole. The rest of the menu is decent, standard American fare, but beer options — available in giant steins — are better than average. Add to that a quirky European-cafeteria feel (the bar looks like a deli counter, and small tables are nearly obscured by too many chairs) and cheap prices (\$9 for one brambory), and you might just forget you're in Pacific Heights.

1862 Divisadero, SF. (415) 921-4725

## BEST PERUVIAN TWIST

If you belong to the club that believes chef Carlos Altamirano's first restaurant, Mochica, set and continues to set the standard for Peruvian cooking in the city, you will probably want to join the club that believes his newer place in Bernal Heights, **Piqueo's**, is quite as good in its way. Piqueo's serves "traditional" Peruvian cuisine "with a California twist," and whatever this means, it's good. Certainly all the familiar elements of Peruvian food are in place, from those supersize corn kernels to an array of ceviches to desserts made with exotic tropical fruits — not to mention *alfajores*, the addictive butter cookies layered with *dulce de leche*. Piqueo's raises the riveting, if deep-

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ly superfluous, question of whether a cuisine as innately rich in wondrous twists and turns as Peruvian needs any California tweakings. The likely answer is *no*, but chances are you won't be inclined to complain either way. For one thing, your mouth will be full. 830 Cortland, SF. (415) 282-8812, [www.piqueos.com](http://www.piqueos.com)

## BEST FINCH-FREE TEA HOUSE

The Imperial Tea Court may have shed some authentic Chinese teahouse accoutrements (old men, pet birds) when it shuttered its original Chinatown location. But it continues to be San Francisco's pre-eminent teahouse at its new location in the no-birds-allowed Ferry Building. It's not for nothing that the Imperial Tea Court is the tea vendor of choice for many local high-end restaurants and hotels. It stocks almost 200 varieties of tea, ranging from basic blends for neophytes to ultrarare aged pu-erhs for aficionados. Most are available for on-site sipping; a gaiwan tea service only runs \$5 and makes for a pleasant (yet fully caffeinated) respite from the crazed foodies surging through the Ferry Building Marketplace. And true tea lovers can pick up a few ounces to savor at home.

1 Ferry Building Plaza, #27, SF. (415) 544-9830, [www.imperialtea.com](http://www.imperialtea.com)

## BEST BREEZY BARGAIN BRUNCH

Nestled on a little neighborhood commercial strip four blocks from the Great Highway, the **Sea Breeze Cafe** looks like a dive. The decor falls somewhere between tacky and unimaginative, the low-budget tables are crammed into a small space (with a few on the sidewalk for alfresco dining during rare fog-free weather). But the lunchtime fare is outstanding and very reasonably priced. The emphasis is on American comfort food — omelets, sandwiches, burgers, and some creative organic salads. The dinner fare is more elegant and expensive, but for brunch, the place is fun, casual, and relaxed. The service is friendly and attentive, kids are welcome, and unlike a lot of upscale eateries these days, the Sea Breeze actually gives you a full plate of food. It's a perfect place to stop after a walk in Golden Gate Park. 3940 Judah, SF. (415) 242-6022



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## BEST BAR WHOSE TIME HAS COME

Being an American sucks in a lot of different ways. Perhaps worst of all is that absinthe has been illegal in this country for nearly 100 years. Our art and literary scenes have undoubtedly suffered because of the century-long ban on genius juice, and we haven't been able to hold our own in global drinking contests for years. But those days are over. After dozens of court hearings and drug trials, the Association of American Drunkards has somehow managed to convince the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau to re-legalize the production and distribution of the Green Fairy. Now Americans can get drunk and hallucinate at the same time, just like the boys across the pond. Get ready, world, the next batch of Hemingways, Picassos, and Van Goghs is about to hit the scene — and **Absinthe Brasserie and Restaurant**, with its green flights and psychedelic cocktails, is likely to be ground zero for the revolution. 398 Hayes, SF. (415) 551-1590, [www.absinthe.com](http://www.absinthe.com)

## BEST DAVID LYNCH-IAN DINER

While it might not have been the actual inspiration for *Twin Peaks'* Double R diner, the **Peninsula Fountain and Grill** has a kooky nostalgia that puts David Lynch obsessives in the mood. Long referred to simply as the "Creamery," this wood-paneled-and-chrome landmark in the center of Palo Alto has

all of the trappings of a family-owned 1950s hang-out. There's the ol' Seaburg jukebox that still plays yesteryear's hits, a working soda-jerk behind the bar, and red vinyl booths for cozing up with your sweetheart. On any given day, the restaurant is packed with Cardinal collegiates, hipster townies, and silver-haired couples ordering the daily specials. As for the menu: if there's such a thing as Californian home-cookin', the Creamery has perfected it. Choices include hearty omelets, homemade mac 'n' cheese, freshly caught salmon, daily specials like the fab lemon ricotta pancakes, and milkshakes that, alone, are worth the trip. A separate bakery serves fresh breads and cakes every day.

566 Emerson, Palo Alto.  
(650) 323-3131

## BEST STEAK IN THE MARINA'S HEART

Stepping into **Izzy's Steaks and Chops** on Steiner Street near Chestnut is exactly like stepping into the living room of Grandpa-with-a-capital-G's living room — you know, that stereotypical patriarch of yesteryear who liked wood paneling, manhattans, and steak. And like all grandparents' homes, Izzy's doesn't seem to have changed in the past 20 years. The menu still offers big cuts of beef, potatoes au gratin, and creamed spinach, and the classic wine list features lots of full-bodied zinfandels — just as it did in the days

before Atkins, South Beach, and the Master Cleanse. In fact, the only proof that Izzy's has entered the modern age might be the photo on the wall of a seven-year-old Samantha Duvall posing with Ted Danson; now grown up, the daughter of Izzy's original owner can be found chatting up regulars at the bar over an aptly chosen old-fashioned cocktail. The Marina may have left its unpretentious working-class roots behind, but Izzy's hasn't.

3345 Steiner, SF. (415) 563-0487,  
[www.izzyssteaks.com](http://www.izzyssteaks.com)

## BEST BAGEL BONA FIDES

OK, let's get this out of the way: The first person to say "you can't get a *real* bagel outside of New York" is going to get it. We're going to jump out of this newspaper and give you an old-fashioned beatdown. We're sick of the same ol' Big Apple bullshit about real bagels, and seeing the seasons change, and how it was so cold that one winter your uncle Maury became sterile. Face it, dillhole: you don't live in New York anymore, and you grew up on Long Island, anyhow, so please, have a tall frosty mug of STFU. The **House of Bagels** in the Richmond serves a bona fide boiled bagel, which, when matched with the shop's nova lox in either the standard two-ounce portion or the Jen's True New York lox bagel sandwich four-ounce whopper, will bring a tear to ol' Uncle

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#### BEST SUSHI ON A STOOL

Who says sushi can't be bar food? Not the folks at the **Knockout's Godzuki Sushi Happy Hour**, which draws a laid-back, eclectic, friendly local crowd to the bar every Wednesday. Thanks to wonder duo Tim Archuleta and Erin Neeley of Ichi Catering (many know Tim from Tokyo Go Go), you can munch some swell sushi specials while enjoying Kirin on draft — or other beer, sake, and cocktail specials — plus some rock 'n' roll. Place your order with Taka, taking your pick of super-fresh rolls and nigiri, ranging from shiro maguro to inari, and famed specials like yuzu chicken wings. One perennial favorite is the spicy crab and scallop nigiri. Yum! The Knockout also just started Tuesday Raw Bar Night, with shrimp cocktails, oyster deals, and drinks — that means at least two weeknights of drinking that won't require chili cheese fries.

3223 Mission, SF. (415) 550-6994

#### BEST BREWS UNDER TWO BUCKS

How is it possible that beer at the **Bean Bag Coffee House** is so cheap? Did the owner win a lifetime supply of imported brews on some game show and buy the café to unload them? Is it a state-subsidized effort to herd drinkers toward Divisadero Street? Once you order

your \$1.75 pint (of microbrew!), you won't really care. Especially since you can also get a nice cup o' joe, along with the light atmosphere and pleasant aromas of an espresso joint (as opposed to the darkness and rotting-hops smell of a bar). On top of its cheap beer, Bean Bag has a respectable food menu. While the culinary fare isn't quite the value the draft options are, many items — like the burger and fried calamari — are as pleasing to your mouth as the pilsner prices are to your wallet.

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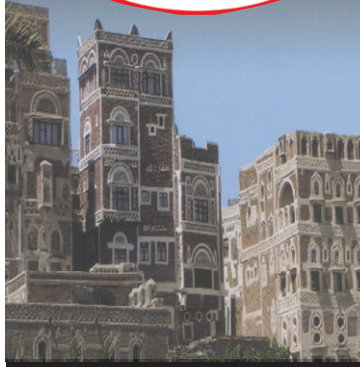
While it might not be *completely* appropriate to tuck a **Fra'Mani** sausage into the waist of your pants and scream "peek-a-boo!" as you chase your lover around the kitchen table, it sure is entertaining (for you, at least). And filling lunchtime with lots of meaty double entendres is half the fun of eating Fra'Mani salumi. The other half, of course, is the salumi itself. Fra'Mani's Paul Bertolli, who lived in Italy and trained under sausage maestros there, has been providing the Bay Area's chichi-est restaurants with antipasto plate fixings for years. He makes cooked and cured salumi, as well as fresh sausages based on classic Italian recipes (as close to his grandfather's as he can approximate). Everything at Fra'Mani is made and tied by hand, using the highest-quality, all-natural pork and casings that can be found. From the feather-light mortadella to chewy, salty, perfectly thin soppressata with just

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a hint of clove, Fra'Mani salumi are fun to play with — but they're even better to eat.

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### BEST ALL-NIGHT SPAM

Think burgers and burritos have cornered the market on post-bar, pre-hangover food? Think again. **Island Café** in the Sunset has a nice, warm, Pacific Island alternative: Hawaiian food! What better way to battle the dark, the fog, and the burning in your belly from your hastily quaffed liquor at last call? It's hard to argue with the appeal of kalua pork, chicken katsu, macaroni salad, or that pâté of the Pacific: Spam. (How do you think all those hard-partying Hawaiians manage to overcome their hangovers in time for their early-morning surf sessions?) And just in case your tastes fall a bit east of Honolulu, Island's got the usual diner suspects, too — and all served 24 hours a day. 901 Taraval, SF. (415) 661-3303



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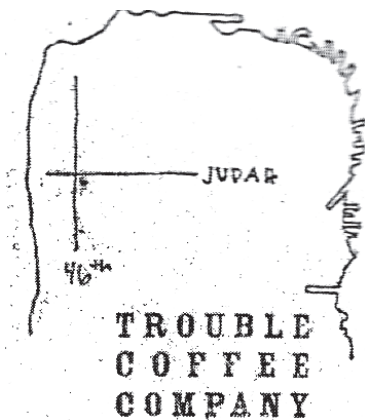
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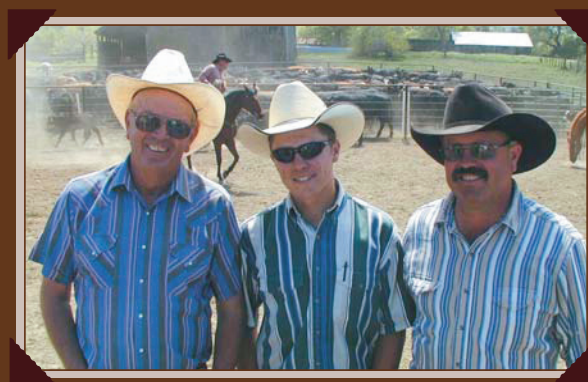
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— that otherwise ubiquitous über-Chinese ingredient — here, but oh, what lamb. It's all fabulous: from the hefty sesame bread with green onions to the hot pots to the meats stewed with pickled cabbage. But the truly unique offering has to be the house-made, hand-cut noodles — soft yet toothsome substantial, and best with lamb as fuel for riding your pony, or Honda Civic, across the steppes. 296 Barber, Milpitas. (408) 433-5199, [www.dardaseafood.com](http://www.dardaseafood.com)

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## BEST VEGAN MAGICIAN


San Francisco is quickly becoming a vegan wonderland. There are multiple natural foods stores in every neighborhood and numerous restaurants that cater specifically to those who shun all animal products. But vegans still suffer from the same impediments to eating fantastic, nutritious meals three times a day that the rest of us do: time constraints, tiny kitchens, and/or a distaste for cooking. Only thing is, it's even more important for those who cut out entire food groups to pay attention to balancing their diet — one can not live on seitan stir-fry and Tofutti Cuties alone. Enter **Jesse Miner**, a personal chef who, for about the price of a meal at a fancy restaurant, will make meat-, egg-, and dairy-free meals for families and groups. With 15 years of experience, a degree in natural foods from Bauman College, and an internship at Millennium under his belt, he's also adept at adjusting menus for other food restrictions, including wheat intolerance, diabetes, and raw food diets. And by the way, don't miss his peanut butter squares and ginger snaps. (One can't live on quinoa alone either.)  
www.chefjesseminer.com

## BEST SLICE OF NEAPOLITAN NIRVANA

Where to take elementary-age picky eaters and discriminatingly stylish singles? Nonna knows best, and **Gialina** — a streamlined yet warmly minimalist, rosy-walled pizzeria that's made a gastronomic beachhead in the adorable but otherwise culinarily challenged Glen Park village — is here to provide. Owner Sharon Ardiana — formerly of Lime, Boulevard, and the Slow Club — concentrates on a handful of scrumptious starters and salads, one or two roasts, and, last but definitely not least, delectable, slender-crust Neapolitan-style pizzas. It's tough to choose just one when it comes to her pies, like wild nettle and prosciutto, pork belly and tomato, spigarello and sweet Italian sausage, and summer squash and sundried tomato. Top any with an egg, cooked perfectly soft and ready to be put to work sopping up with crust, and expect kids and coolios alike to emerge grateful and sated. Remarkably, Ardiana ups the modest-yet-well-executed ante even further with her desserts: the only thing better than the chocolate hazelnut sweet pizza are the house-made ices — expect an intense, refreshingly palate-cleansing jolt of ruby grapefruit or Meyer lemon. 2842 Diamond, SF. (415) 239-8500, www.gialina.com


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#### BEST SARDINIAN SURPRISE

Yes, yes, North Beach contains some of the best old country-style Italian restaurants in this country and has become synonymous with said saucy fare — so much so, in fact, that one is often hard-pressed to find a superlative spicy meatball in other parts of San Francisco. But little olive-oiled outposts do, indeed, exist, and **La Ciccìa** in Noe Valley is fantastic. It even fills a niche we never knew we yearned to see filled: that of Sardinian cuisine, a robust cookery chock-full of splendid seafood menu items and breezy preparations rife with sweet spices. Who knew we'd want to buy our taste buds a one-way ticket to the sparkling isle of Sardinia? Husband-and-wife team Massimiliano Conti and Lorella Degan work the kitchen and the floor, imbuing the cozy, seafoam-tinted space with a true family atmosphere, and the staff is beyond helpful, especially when faced with questions of pronunciation. (You try ordering the brilliant *cocciula schiscionera* — clams dusted with bread crumbs — without slipping on your drool.) The wine list is top-notch, the pecorino-drenched *pizza a sa Sarda* is justly lionized among foodies, and entrées like the *tonnu in padella cun cibudda e zaffaranu*, pan-seared ahi with

If the sandwiches at Little Vietnam Cafe were Viagra, I wouldn't care if I had boners lasting longer than four months, let alone four hours.

johnny8, Inner Richmond



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**Loló: Best Turkish-Mexican Eclecticism, page 73**

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saffron onions, float on delicate layers of Mediterranean flavor. 291 30th St., SF. (415) 550-8114, [www.laciccia.com](http://www.laciccia.com)

## BEST CUBAN DINNER PARTY

In most Latin cultures, dinner isn't just a meal — it's an event. Which is exactly what going to **Laurel's** feels like. The small Cuban restaurant, tucked away in Hayes Valley on an otherwise residential street, is festive and relaxed. Hosts and servers, of which there are only two or so on a given night, are friendly but in no hurry — and neither will you be as you sip sangria and nibble fried beef and plantains, all while chatting with a tableful of friends. Though a bit pricey, Laurel's menu is packed with simple, fresh, savory items for vegetarians and omnivores: particularly good is the seafood-stuffed avocado appetizer, which may have several in your party wishing for a swift end to the travel embargo. And if all of that isn't enough to get you dancing in the narrow aisle between tables, the upbeat music will. The host might even dance with you.

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## BEST TURKISH-MEXICAN ECLECTICISM

You might not expect Turkish and Mexican culinary elements to mix well — or at all. And yet it is just this combination, more a mutual influence on creative cuisine than a true fusion, that qualifies **Loló** to compete with (and triumph over) the Mission's other new upscale foodie havens. The menu is full of inspired items like veal carpaccio, shrimp tacos with jicama shells, and empanadas stuffed with rare mushrooms — complemented by a fine wine selection. We especially

admire the atmosphere, whose tone is set with whimsical, oftentimes downright silly decor and warm, attentive service. Separate rooms, one including a sit-down bar, can accommodate (in space and in mood) either a sizable dinner party or an intimate tête-à-tête, and an understated classiness means you'll be equally comfortable in flip-flops or formalwear. Like the Mission itself, Loló blends seemingly disparate elements with eclectic, energetic results.

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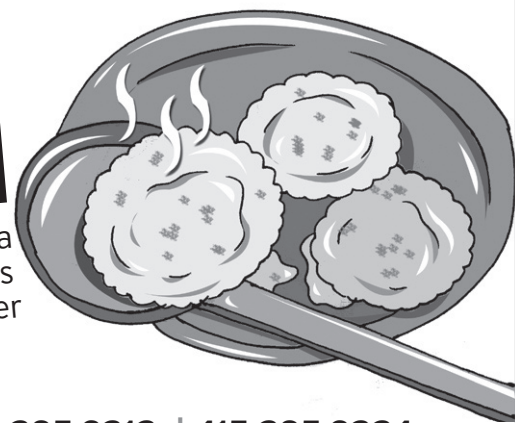
North Beach is a great place for wine and pasta, but don't you wish you could visit the neighborhood without risking the carb overload and headache? And what's with all the old-school gangster and beatnik stuff, anyway? Sometimes you just want to kick back with a nice pint of Belgian ale and suck down some clams, burgers, and fries in a space that doesn't remind you of Jack Kerouac or *Godfather* movies. **La Trappe**, a Belgian brew house and restaurant with a weekly-changing roster of 20 drafts and more than 180 bottled selections, is located right around the corner from Washington Square Park, smack in the middle of North Beach. It's a bilevel job with date-worthy seating upstairs and a huge bar area with couches and larger tables in the basement. Tasty nibbles on the menu include moules à la bière (mussels in white beer sauce) and pancetta-wrapped shrimp, which you'll want to wash down with some heady Euro imports, of course. 800 Greenwich, SF. (415) 440-8727, [www.latrappecafe.com](http://www.latrappecafe.com)

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#### BEST LATE-NIGHT REAL MEAL

San Francisco is a pretty cool town, but it'd be a whole lot cooler if it didn't shut down so damn early. Most SF restaurants stop seating at 10 p.m., about three and half hours before the prudish citywide last call. A night of drinking for us, then, usually starts with time-saving snacks like tacos or pizza and inevitably ends with a bacon-wrapped hot dog from a street vendor or a box of mush from a late-night Indian spot. But there are ways around the usual drunk diet plan; you just have to know where to look. In the Financial District, look for **Globe**, one of San Francisco's best late-night restaurants, with a menu that doesn't feature a list of toppings or salsa choices — instead, the tiny New American restaurant serves veal, steak, seafood, and veggie dishes until 1 a.m., Monday through Saturday. The upscale menu changes seasonally, so the selections are always fresh, and the classy preparations complement Globe's spotless-chic interior. 290 Pacific, SF. (415) 391-4132, [www.globerestaurant.com](http://www.globerestaurant.com)

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## BEST ARKANSAS BBQ

San Francisco is celebrated around the world as a culinary paradise, but all the foodie fanfare has a downside. Sure, you can easily find a \$1 million filet or a fresh cut of fish with a side of locally grown organic asparagus. But what if you'd rather have a huge plate of barbecue ribs and an oxtail dripping with fresh grease and pepper sauce? For some *real eatin'*, head to the outskirts of the city, where underground BBQ houses fill the skies with the sweet smell of smoked flesh. San Francisco's best unsung casa de carne is **Johnson's BBQ** in Portola, an old-school Arkansas-style (meat smoked with apple, plum, and other fruitwoods) barbecue shack that serves the finest flesh in the land slathered with the most atomic hot sauce this side of the Mississippi. The pork is pulled and the chickens have all been choked. But nothing is ever gonna beat Johnson's meat: it says so right on the window. 2646 San Bruno, SF. (415) 467-7655, [www.realgoodqueue.com](http://www.realgoodqueue.com)

## BEST HIGH-COUNTRY COOKING

If you dig Indian food — the curries, the dal, the tandoori-roasted breads — but also have somewhat, shall we say, *elevated* tastes, you will heart **Metro Kathmandu**, in the Metro Hotel. The cooking is Nepalese, and since Nepal is perched in the Himalayas near India ... you see where this is going. There are some nice non-Indian touches on the menu, such as the momos, a lot like potstickers — and hey! China is Nepal's other monster neighbor. But the food in the main is Indian-ish, and it's fresh, carefully

prepared, and wonderfully seasoned. It doesn't cost much, either, and this helps boost the restaurant onto the top of the heap of value places. There are restaurants where you can spend somewhat less and get a lot less, but there are more places where you can spend way more but leave with the haunting sense that the additional spendage didn't get you much. The password is *dal*, er, *deal*. 311 Divisadero, SF. (415) 552-0903, [www.metrokathmandu.com](http://www.metrokathmandu.com)

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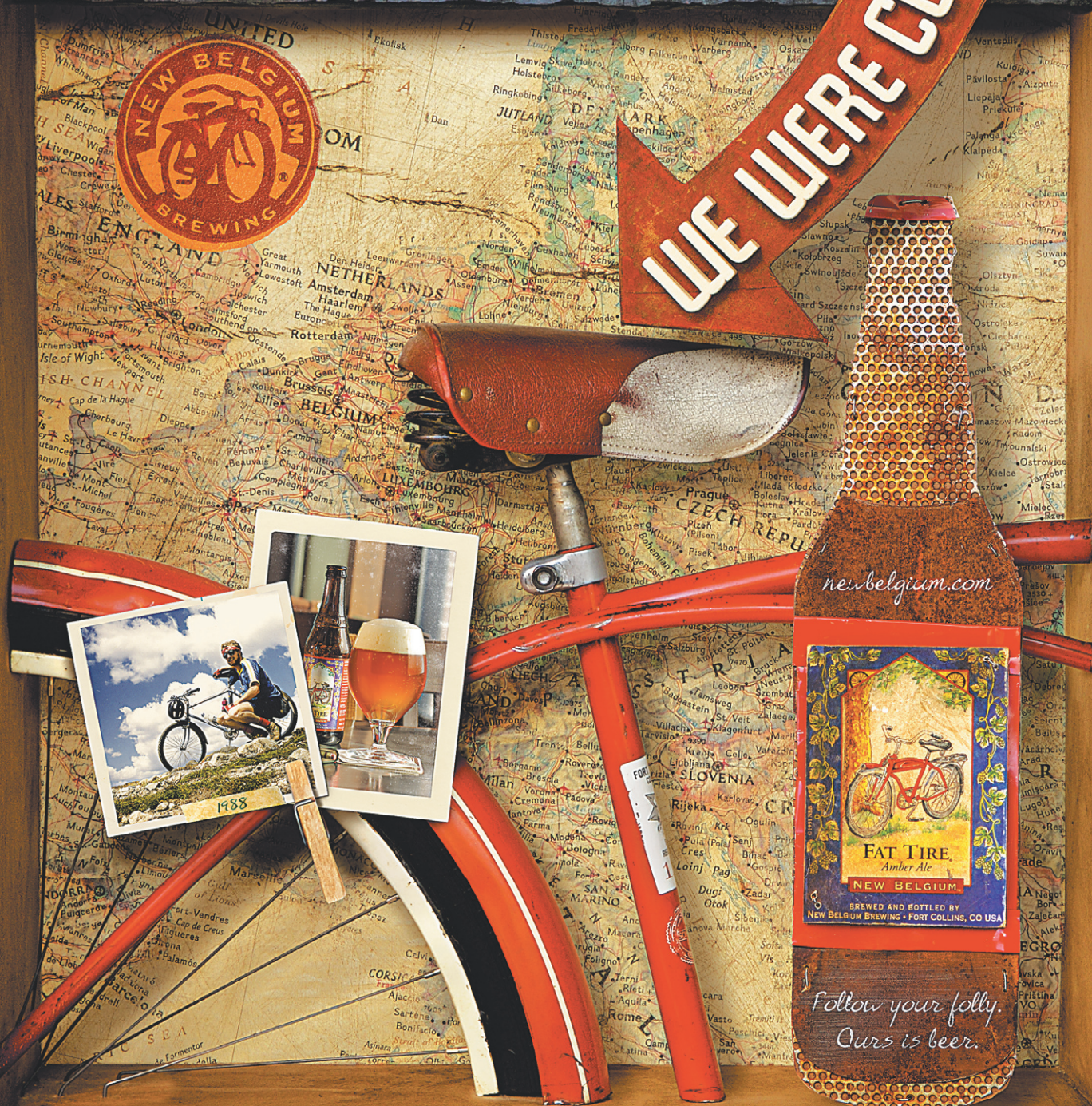
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### BEST METAL BAND

#### A Band Called Pain

If you didn't get the hint from their name, the Oakland-based A Band Called Pain bring it hard and heavy and have lent their distinct brooding metal sound to the *Saw II* soundtrack and Austin's SXSW.

[www.abandcalledpain.com](http://www.abandcalledpain.com)

### BEST ELECTRONIC MUSIC ACT

#### Lazer Sword

Rooted in hip-hop but pulling influences from every genre under the sun, the laptop composers seamlessly meld grime and glitch sensibilities with ever-pervasive bass.

[www.myspace.com/lazersword](http://www.myspace.com/lazersword)

### BEST HIP-HOP ACT

#### Beeda Weeda

Murder Dubs producer and rapper Beeda Weeda may make stunting look easy, but he makes it sound even better: case in point, his upcoming album *Da Thizzness*.

[www.myspace.com/beedaweeda](http://www.myspace.com/beedaweeda)

### BEST INDIE BAND

#### Ex-Boyfriends

San Francisco outfit and Absolutely Kosher artists the Ex-Boyfriends dole out catchy power pop with a shiny Brit veneer and a dab of emo for good measure.

[www.myspace.com/exboyfriends](http://www.myspace.com/exboyfriends)

### BEST COVER BAND

#### ZooStation

A mainstay at festivals, parties, and Slim's cover-band nights, ZooStation storm through the U2 catalog (they take on more than 140 of the band's tunes).

[www.zoostation-online.com](http://www.zoostation-online.com)

### BEST BAND NAME

#### The Fucking Ocean

Fuck Buttons, Holy Fuck, Fucked Up, Fuck, indeed: the time is ripe for band

names that can't be uttered on the airwaves, and the Fucking Ocean leads the pack. George Carlin would be so proud. [www.myspace.com/thefuckingocean](http://www.myspace.com/thefuckingocean)

### BEST DJ

#### Smooove

Ian Chang, aka DJ Smooove, keeps late hours at the Endup, DNA Lounge, 111 Minna, Mighty, and underground parties all over, pumping out power-funk breaks.

[www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)

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#### Twilight Vixen Revue

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[www.twilightvixen.com](http://www.twilightvixen.com)

### BEST DRAG ACT

#### Katya Ludmilla Smirnoff-Skyy

Gorgeous costumes, a glamorous backstory, and a jam-packed social calendar are reasons enough to catch this opera diva, but it's her flawless mezzo that keeps fans hurling roses.

[www.russianoperadiva.com](http://www.russianoperadiva.com)

### BEST COMEDIAN

#### Marga Gomez

One of America's first openly gay comics, San Francisco's Marga Gomez is a Latina firebrand who's equally at home performing at Yankee Stadium or Theatre Rhinoceros.

[www.margagomez.com](http://www.margagomez.com)

### BEST CIRCUS TROUPE

#### Vau de Vire Society

Offering a full-on circus assault, the wildly talented and freakishly flexible troupe's live show delivers plenty of fire performances, aerial stunts, and contortionism.

[www.vaudeviresociety.com](http://www.vaudeviresociety.com)

### BEST OPEN MIC NIGHT

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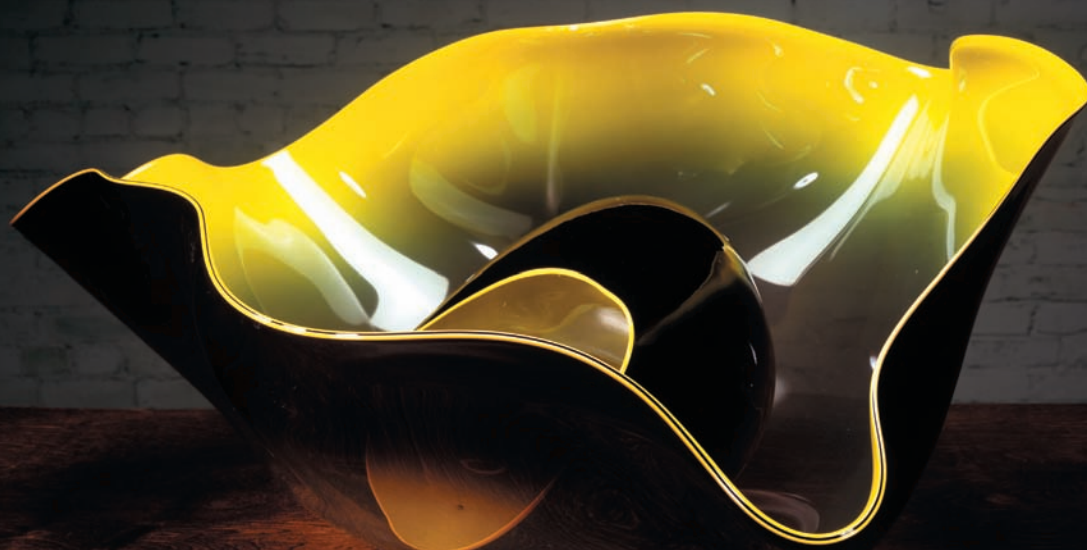
#### Hubba Hubba Revue

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*Chihuly at the de Young* is an exploration of the groundbreaking artwork of Dale Chihuly. From the *Mille Fiori* (a 56-foot garden of glass) to the *Saffron Tower* (a 30-foot neon sculpture), this exhibition challenges convention with a feast of bold color, dramatic forms and extraordinary composition.



Organized by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in cooperation with Dale Chihuly. Major patron funding for the exhibition and its programs is provided by the Koret Foundation. Sponsor support is provided by Dorothy and George Saxe, Target, the Winifred Johnson Clive Foundation, and the Ednah Root Foundation. Additional support is provided by Bombardier Aerospace Flexjet, The Barkley Fund, Imago Galleries, the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance, and Hilton San Francisco.

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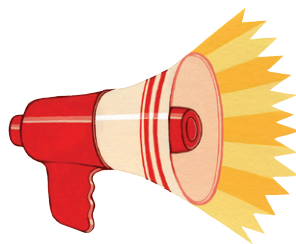
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## EDITORS PICKS

### BEST CREEP-SHOW CHANTEUSE

There's just something about the inimitable **Jill Tracy** that makes us

swoon like a passel of naive gothic horror heroines in too-tight corsets. Is it her husky midnight lover's croon, her deceptively delicate visage, her vintage sensibilities? Who else could have written *the* definitive elegy on the "fine art of poisoning," composed a hauntingly lush live score for F.W. Murnau's classic silent film *Nosferatu*, joined forces with that merry band of bloodthirsty malcontents, Thrillpeddlers, and still somehow remain a shining beacon of almost beatific grace? Part tough-as-nails film fatale, part funeral parlor pianist, Tracy manages to adopt many facades yet remain ever and only herself — a precarious and delicious balancing act. Her newest CD, *The Bittersweet Constrain*, glides the gamut from gloom to glamour, encapsulating her haunted highness at her beguiling best.  
www.jilltracy.com

### BEST CINEMATIC REFUGE FOR GERMANIACS

Can't wait for the annual Berlin and Beyond film fest to get your Teuton on? The **San Francisco Goethe-Institut** screens a select handful of German-language films throughout the year at its Bush Street language-school location. For a \$5 suggested donation, you can treat yourself to a *klassische* F.W. Murnau movie or something slightly more contemporary from Margarethe von Trotta. Flicks are subtitled, so there's no need to brush up on verb conjugations ahead of time. And the Bush Street location is within respectable stumbling distance of many Tondernob bars, not to mention the Euro-chic Café de la Presse, should

your cinematic adventure turn into an unexpected *Liebesabenteuer*. Unlike SF filmic events offering free popcorn, free-for-all heckling, or staged reenactments of the action, Goethe-Institut screenings need no gimmickry to attract their audiences — a respectable singularity perhaps alone worth the price of admission. 530 Bush, SF. (415) 263-8760,  
www.goethe.de

### BEST UNFORCED BAY AREA BALKANIZATION

Despite all the countless reasons to give in to despair — the weight of the world, the headline news, those endless measured teaspoons — sometimes you just have to say *fuck it* and get your freak on. No party in town exemplifies this reckless surrender to the muse of moving on better than the frenetic, freewheeling *proslava* that is **Kafana Balkan**. No hideaway this for the too-cool-for-school, hands-slung-deep-in-pockets, head-bobber crowd. The brass-and-beer-fueled mayhem that generally ensues at Kafana Balkan, often held at 12 Galaxies, is a much more primitive and fundamental form of bacchanal. Clowns! Accordions! Brass bands! Roman rarities! Unfurled hankies! The unlikely combination of high-stepping grannies and high-spirited hipsters is joined together by the thread that truly binds: a raucous good time. Plus, all proceeds support the Bread and Cheese Circus's attempts to bring succor and good cheer to orphans in Kosovo. Your attendance will help alleviate angst in more ways than one.  
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#### BEST GOREY BALL

There's no doubt about it — we San Franciscans love to play dress-up. From the towering Beach Blanket Babylon-esque bonnets at the annual Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Easter Sunday to the costumed free-for-all of All Hallows Eve, the more elaborate the excuse to throw on some gay apparel, the more elaborate the apparel. This makes the annual **Edwardian Ball** tailor-made for San Francisco's tailored maids and madcap chaps. An eager homage to the off-kilter imaginings of Edward Gorey, whose oft-pseudonymous picture books delved into the exotic, the erotic, and the diabolic within prim and proper, vaguely British settings, the Edwardian Ball is a midwinter ode to woe. From the haunting disharmonies of Rosin Coven to the voluptuous vigor of the Vau de Vire Society's reenactment of Gorey tales, the ball — which now encompasses an entire three-day weekend — is a veritable bastion of dark-hued revelry and unfettered fetish. [www.myspace.com/edwardianball](http://www.myspace.com/edwardianball)

#### BEST PROGRESSIVE LOUD 'N' PROUD

We love Stephen Elliott. The fearless writer, merciless poker opponent, and unrepentant romantic's well-documented fall from political innocence — recounted in *Looking Forward to It* (Picador, 2004) and *Politically Inspired* (MacAdam/Cage, 2003) — has kept him plunged into the fray ever since. Like most other ongoing literary salons, Elliott's monthly **Progressive Reading Series** offers a thrilling showcase of local and luminary talent, highlighting up-and-comers along with seasoned pros — shaken, stirred, and poured over ice by the unflappable bar staff at host venue the Make-Out Room. All of the proceeds from the door benefit selected progressive causes — such as, most recently, fighting the good fight against California state proposition 98. Books, booze, and ballot boxing — a good deed never went down more smoothly or with such earnest verbiage and charm. [www.progressivereadingseries.org](http://www.progressivereadingseries.org)

#### BEST UNDERAGE SANDWICH

When it comes to opportunities to see live independent music, most Bay Area venues hang kids under 21 out to dry. Outside of

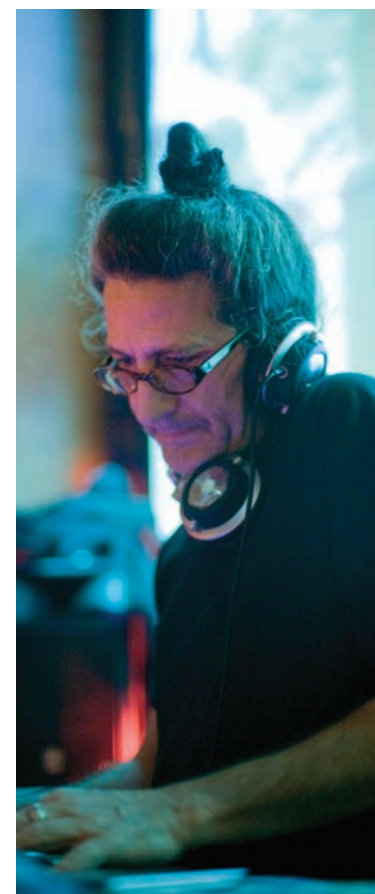
924 Gilman in Berkeley and the occasional all-ages show at Bottom of the Hill, the opportunities are painfully sparse. But thanks to members of Bay Area show promotion collective **Club Sandwich**, the underground music scene is becoming more accessible. Committed to hosting exclusively all-ages shows featuring under-the-radar local and national touring bands, Club Sandwich has booked more than a hundred of them since 2006, ranging from better-known groups like No Age, Marnie Stern, and Lightning Bolt to more obscure acts like South Seas Queen and Sexy Prison. Club Sandwich shows tend to cross traditional genre boundary lines (noise, punk, folk, etc.), bringing together different subcultures within the Bay Area's underground music scene that don't usually overlap. And the collective organizes shows at wildly diverse venues: from legitimate art spaces like ATA in San Francisco and Lobot in Oakland to warehouse spaces and swimming pools. [www.clubsandwichbayarea.com](http://www.clubsandwichbayarea.com)

#### BEST BEER PONG PALACE

Pabst Blue Ribbon, American Spirits, track bikes, tattoos, stretchy jeans, slip-ons, facial hair, Wayfarers. Blah, blah, blah. If you live in the Mission — and happen to be between 22 and 33 years old — you see it all, every night, at every bar in the hood. *Boooring*. If you're sick of all the hipster shit, but not quite ready to abandon the scene entirely, take a baby step over to the **Broken Record**, a roomy dive bar in the Excelsior that serves gourmet game sausage, gives away free beer every Friday(!), rents out Scrabble boards, and isn't afraid to drop the attitude and get down with a goofy night of beer pong or a bar-wide foosball match. The cheap swill, loud music, and street art will make you feel right at home, but the Broken Record's decidedly Outer Mission vibe will give you a much-needed respite from the glam rockers, bike messengers, "artists," and cokeheads you have to hang out with back in cool country. 1166 Geneva, SF. (415) 255-3100

#### BEST VOLUPTUOUS VISIBILITY

Every June, the Brava Theater quietly morphs into the center of the known universe for queer women of color. And what a delectable center it is. Over the course of three days, the **Queer Women of Color Film Festival**, produced by the Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project, screens more than 30 works



**DJ Cheb i Sabbah at Bollyhood Café: Best Hello Mumbai,**  
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MOTTERAM

by emerging filmmakers for a raucously supportive audience — an audience that happens to be cute as all hell. In fact, some would call the festival *the* cruising event of the year for queer women of color. Of course, the films are worth scoping too. Students of QWOCMAP's no-cost Filmmaker Training Program create most of the festival's incredible array of humorous and sensitive films, which explore topics such as romance and family ties. For festivalgoers, this heady mixture of authentic representation, massive visibility, and community pride (all screenings are copresented with social justice groups) is breathtakingly potent. It's no wonder a few love connections are made each fest. Want just a little more icing on that cake? All screenings are free. (415) 752-0868, [www.qwocmap.org](http://www.qwocmap.org)

#### BEST DANCE-FLOOR FLICKS FIX

The San Francisco Film Society is best known for putting on America's oldest film fest, the San Francisco Film Festival. But the organization also hosts a TV show, publishes an amazingly vibrant online magazine, and throws a slew of events throughout the year under its SF360 umbrella, a collection of

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organizations dedicated to covering film in San Francisco from all angles. There's SF360 movie nights held in homes across the city, Live at the Apple Store film discussions, and special screenings of hard-to-see films held at theaters throughout the Bay Area. But our favorite SF360 shindig is its monthly **SF360 Film+Club Night** at Mezzanine, which screens underground films to a room of intoxicated cinephiles who are encouraged to hoot, holler, and at times — like during the annual R. Kelly Trapped in the Closet Singalong — flex their vocal cords. Past Film+Club screenings have included a B-movie skate-film retrospective, prescreenings of Dave Eggers's Wholphin compilations, and an Icelandic music documentary night, at which, we'll admit, we dressed up like Björk. [www.sf360.org](http://www.sf360.org)

#### BEST HORIZONTAL MAMBO ON HIGH

Normally when one mentions doing the horizontal mambo, nudges and winks ensue. But when **Project Bandaloop** gets together to actually do it, the group isn't getting

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#### BEST YODELALCOHOL

From the sidewalk, **Bacchus Kirk** looks like so many other dimly lit San Francisco bars. Yet to walk inside is to step into a little bit of Lake Tahoe or the Haute-Savoie

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### BEST JAZZ JUKE

Pesky Internet jukeboxes are everywhere: any decent night out can be ruined by some freshly 21-year-old princess bumping her “birthday jam” incessantly. The old-school jukebox, on the other hand, has the oft-undervalued ability to maintain a mood, or at least ensure that you won't be “bringing sexy back” 27 times in one evening. **Aub Zam Zam** in the Upper Haight maintains an exceptional jukebox chock-full of timeless blues, jazz, and R&B slices. Selections include Robert Johnson, Miles Davis, Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, Taj Mahal ... the list of smooth crooners and delicate instrumentalists goes on and on. This is in perfect keeping with Aub Zam Zam's rep as a mighty fine cocktail lounge, established in the 1940s. New owner Bob Clarke has made the place a lot more welcoming than it was in the days of noto-

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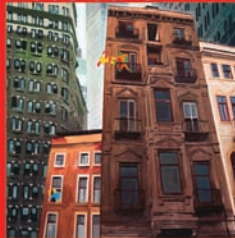
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riously tyrannical founder Bruno, who proudly boasted of 86ing 80 percent of the Zam Zam's would-be customers. But Clarke's kept at least one thing from Bruno's days besides mouthwatering drinks: his favorite juke jams.

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### BEST FUNNY UH-OH

It's hard to tell if the entity known as **Something with Genitals** is a comedy act or a cultural experiment designed to monitor human behavior under unusual circumstances. Take, for example, the night one member of this duo, sometimes trio, of dudes made his way through the crowded Hemlock Tavern on cross-country skis. When he finally maneuvered himself onto the stage, the lights went out and the show was over. Sometimes no one gets onstage at all. Instead the audience gets treated to one of the group's ingeniously simple short films, which are way better at summing up every one-night stand you've had than a regular joke with a punch line. Check out their video on MySpace of a guy who strikes up a conversation with a shrub on some Mission District street, invites it to a party, offers it a beer, asks it to dance, shares some personal secrets and heartfelt dreams, then proceeds to drunkenly fuck it, and you'll wonder if they've been reading your diary. Funny uh-oh, not funny ha-ha.

www.myspace.com  
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### BEST WEIRD EYE FOR WEIRD TIMES

Even if you're not in the market for stock footage — the chief focus of **Oddball Film + Video**, which maintains an archive crammed with everything from World War II clips to glamour shots of TV diners circa 1960 to images of vintage San Francisco street scenes — you can still take advantage of this incredible resource. Director and founder Stephen Parr loves film, and he loves the unusual; lucky for us, he also loves sharing his collection with the public. RSVPs are essential to attend screenings at the small space, which in recent months has hosted such programs as "Shock! Cinema," a collection of hygiene and safety films (*Narcotics: Pit of Despair*) from bygone but no less hysterical eras, and "Strange Sinema," featuring yet-to-be-cataloged finds from Oddball's ever-growing library (a 1950s dude ranch promo, an extended trailer for 1972 porn classic *Behind the Green Door*). Other past highlights have included programs on sex, monkeys, India, and avant-gardists and nights with guest curators like Los Angeles "media ecologist" Gerry Fialka. 275 Capp, SF. (415) 558-8117, [www.oddballfilm.com](http://www.oddballfilm.com)

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#### BEST WHITE-HOT WALLS

Pristine walls couldn't get much more white-hot than at **Ratio 3** gallery. Chris Perez has a nose for talent — and an eye for cool — when it comes to programming the new space on Stevenson near SoMa. The curator has been on a particular roll of late with exhibitions by such varied artists as psychedelia-drenched video installationist Takeshi Murata, resurgent abstractionist Ruth Laskey, and utopian beautiful-people photog Ryan McGinley, while drawing attendees such as Mayor Gavin Newsom and sundry celebs to openings. Perez also has a worthy stable of gallery artists on hand, including local legend Barry McGee (whose works slip surprisingly well among recent abstract shows at the space), rough-and-ready sculptor Mitzi Pederson, op-art woodworker Ara Peterson, and hallucinatory dreamscape creator Jose Alvarez. Catch 'em while the ratio is in your favor. 1447 Stevenson, SF. (415) 821-3371, [www.ratio3.org](http://www.ratio3.org)

#### BEST ON-SCREEN MIND WARP

When edgy director of programming Bruce Fletcher left the San Francisco Independent Film Festival (IndieFest), fans who'd relied on his horror and sci-fi picks were understandably a little worried. Fortunately, Fletcher's **Dead Channels: The San Francisco Festival of Fantastic Film** proved there's room enough in this town for multiple fests with an eye for



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**Hurray for cranky old Harriet, who won't allow country music to be played on the jukebox, and the entire unique crew at the Geary Club.**

**Bobby, Mission**



sleazy, gory, gruesome, unsettling, and offbeat films, indie and otherwise. There's more: this summer Dead Channels teamed up with Thrillpeddlers to host weekly screenings at the Grand Guignol theater company's space, the Hypnodrome. "White Hot 'N' Warped Wednesdays" are exactly that — showcasing all manner of psychotronics, from Pakistani gore flick *Hell's Ground* to culty grind house classics like *She-Freak* (1967). Come this October, will the Dead Channels fest be able to top its utterly warped Hump Day series? Fear not for the programming, dark-dwelling weirdos — fear only what's on the screen. [www.deadchannels.com](http://www.deadchannels.com)

### BEST BACKROOM SHENANIGANS

Everyone knows when **Adobe Books' backroom art openings** are in full swing: the bookstore is brightly lit and buzzing at an hour when most other literature peddlers are safely tucked in bed, the crowd is spilling onto the 16th Street sidewalk, and music might be wafting into the night. Deep within, in the microscopic backroom gallery, you might discover future art stars like Colter Jacobsen, Barbra Garber, and Matt Furie, as well as their works. Call the space and its soirees the last living relic of Mission District bohemia or dub it a San Francisco institution — just don't try to clean it up or bring order to its stacks. Wanderers, seekers, artists, and musicians have found a home of sorts here, checking

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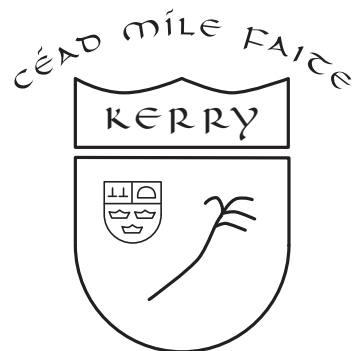


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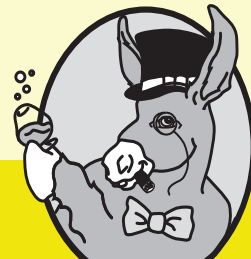
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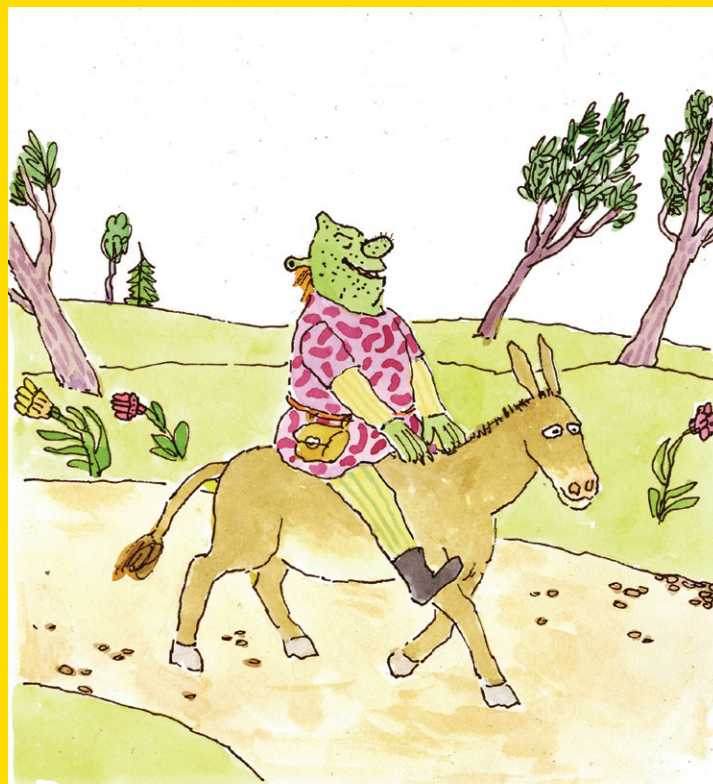
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## NIGHTLIFE AND ENTERTAINMENT

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antique Buddha statues, a holistic healing center) and social justice activism (political speaker engagements, issue awareness campaigns), attach a yummy Thai restaurant, serve some fancy drinks, and call it a groundbreaking megaclub? That's a serviceably bare-bones description of **Temple** in SoMa, but this multilevel, generously laid out mecca for dance music lovers is so much more. Cynical clubgoers like ourselves, burnt out on the steroidal ultralounge excesses of the Internet boom, cast a wary eye when it was announced that Temple would set up shop in defunct-but-still-beloved club DV8's old space, and feared a mainstream supastar DJ onslaught to cover the costs. Temple brings in the big names, all right, but it also shows much love for the local scene, giving faves like DJ David Harness and the Compression crew room to do their thing. The sound is impeccable, the staff exceedingly friendly, and even if we have to wade politely but firmly through some bridge and tunnel crowd to get to the dance floor, we can use the extra karma points. 540 Howard, SF. [www.templessf.com](http://www.templessf.com)

### BEST BANGERS AND FLASH

Disco, house, techno, rave, hip-hop, electroclash ... all well and good for us old-timers who like to stash our pimped-out aluminum walkers in the coat check and "get wild" on the dance floor. But what about the youth? With what new genre are they to leave their neon mark upon nightlife? Which party style will mark their generation for endless send-ups and retro nights 30 years hence? The banger scene, of course, fronting a hardcore electro sound

tinged with sweet silvery linings and stuttery vocals that's captured the earbuds and bass bins of a new crop of clubbers. Nowhere are the bangers hotter (or younger) than at the sort-of weekly 18-and-over party **Blow Up** at the Rickshaw Stop, now entering its third year of booming rapaciousness. Blow Up, with resident DJs Jeffrey Paradise and Richie Panic and a mindblowing slew of globe-trotting guests, doesn't just stop with killer tunes — almost all of its fabulously sweat-drenched, half-dressed attendees seem to come equipped with a digital camera and a camera-ready look, as befits the ever-online youth of today. Yet Blow Up somehow leaves hipper-than-thou attitude behind. Hangovers, however, often lie ahead. [www.myspace.com/blow\\_up\\_415](http://www.myspace.com/blow_up_415)

### BEST SCRIBBLER SMACKDOWN

It may not be the Saudi tradition of dueling poets, in which two men swap lines until one can't think of any more couplets (and is severely punished), but the **Literary Death Match** series, put on by *Opium* magazine, is San Francisco's excellent equivalent, though perhaps less civilized. Try to remember the last poetry reading you attended. Tweedy professors and be-sweatered Mary Oliver acolytes, right? Literary Death Match is not this mind-numbing affair. It's competitive. It's freaking edge-of-your-seat. And everyone's drunk. Readers from four featured publications, either online or in print, do their thing for less than 10 minutes, and guest "celebrity" judges rip participants apart based on three categories: literary merit, performance, and "intangibles" (everything in between). Two finalists duke it out to the literary death until one hero is left standing, unless she or he's been hitting

up the bar between sets. Who needs reality television when we've got San Francisco's version — one in which literary aspirations breed public humiliation, with the possibility of geeky bragging rights afterward? Various locations. [www.literarydeathmatch.com](http://www.literarydeathmatch.com)

### BEST MISTRESS OF MOTOWN

Drag queens — is there nothing they can't make a little brighter with their glittering presence? Squeeze a piece of coal hard enough between a perma-smiley tranny's clenched cheeks and out pops cubic zirconium, dripping with sparkling bon mots. Yet not all gender illusionists go straight for ditzzy comic gold or its silver-tongued twin, cattiness. Some "perform." Others *perform*. And here we must pause to tip our feathery fedora to she who reps the platinum standard of awe-inspiring cross-dressing performance: **Miss Juanita More**. No mere Streisand-syncher, class-act Juanita dusts off overlooked musical nuggets of the past and gives them their shiny due. Despite punk-rock tribute trends and goth night explosions, Juanita's focus stays primarily, perfectly, on that sublime subcultural slice of sonic history known formerly as "race music" and currently as R&B. Her dazzling production numbers utilize large casts of extras, several acts, and impeccable costumery that pays tribute to everything from Scott Joplin's ragtime to Motown's spangled sizzle, dirty underground '70s funk to Patti LaBelle's roof-raising histrionics. When she's on spliff-passing point, as she so often is, her numbers open up a pulse-pounding window into other, more bootyful, worlds. [www.missjuanitamore.com](http://www.missjuanitamore.com)

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sound surged through Clubland's speakers last year, an irresistible combination of breakbeats energy, dub wooziness, sly grime, intel glitch, and ragga relaxation. Many parties took the sound into uncharted waters, infusing it with hip-hop hooks, Bollywood extravaganza, roots rock swing, or "world music" folksiness. But only one included all those variations simultaneously, while pumping local and international live acts, fierce visuals, multimedia blowouts, and an ever-smiling crowd of rainbow-flavored fans: **Surya Dub**, a monthly low-down hoedown at Club Six. The Surya crew, including perennial Bay favorites DJ Maneesh the Twister and Jimmy Love, and wondrous up-and-comers like Kush Arora, Kid Kameleon, DJ Amar, Ripley, and MC Daddy Frank on the mic, describes its ass-thumping sound as "dread bass," which moves beyond wordy genre description into a cosmic territory the rumble in your eardrums can surely attest to. Surya Dub keeps it in the community, too, helping to promote a growing network of citywide dubstep events and spreading their dread bass gospel with parties in India. [www.suryadub.com](http://www.suryadub.com)

### BEST HELLA GAY BEST OF THE BAY

Very few things in this world are gay enough to warrant the Nor Cal Barney modifier "hella," but for tattooed karaoke-master Porkchop's sort-of-monthly series at Thee Parkside, **Porkchop Presents**, the term seems an understatement. At least three times a season, the mysterious Porkchop gathers her posse of scruffy boozehounds and butt-rockin' hipsters to the best little dive bar in Potrero for a day-long celebration of the gayest shit on earth. Past events have included Hella Gay Karaoke, Hella Gay Jell-O Wrestling, a Hella Gay Beer Bust, and the all-encompassing nod to gaydom, Something Hella Gay, an ongoing event during which gay folks go drink-for-drink to see who's the gayest of them all. Join Porkchop and her crew of lowbrow beer snobs at Thee Parkside for arm wrestling competitions, tattoo-offs, and hella gay sing-along battles. You probably won't win anything because the competition is so stiff and the rules are so lax, but you can rest assured that the smell of stale cigarettes, cheap beer, and sweaty ass will stay in your clothes for at least a week after the show. And that's all that really matters, isn't it? 1600 17th St., SF. (415) 252-1330, [www.theeparkside.com](http://www.theeparkside.com) **SFBG**

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### BEST SUI, SHARP AND SWEET

Despite the vast numbers of stylish males who haunt our fair burg, shopping for menswear in San Francisco can be a real downer. You're either pummeled with dopey high-end "designer" street labels à la G-Star or forced to piece together a credible look from scattershot resale sources — not a bad option in itself, except that every other subculturally fashion-conscious Y-chromosomer is usually elbowing you out of the way to get to the good stuff. Enter **Sui Generis**, a boutique of impeccably vetted men's vintage wear on Church Street (another location, featuring dressier

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Quaint, antique- and decor-store-lined Jackson Square got a little chicer — and a little more fashionista-friendly — when **Carrots** moved into the gracious hood. Sisters Melissa and Catie Grimm named their sublime boutique, tongue firmly placed in cheek, after the petite veggies that built their family's business, Grimmway. Yet we couldn't be further from the farm amid Carrots' lofty yet elegant, European-inspired mix of antiques and industrial decor touches. Visitors are welcome to sip an espresso beneath the zinc 19th-century chandelier while browsing the wares of such covetable young designers as Thakoon, Stella McCartney, Narcisco Rodriguez, Vanessa Bruno, and Peter Som. Men can also find fashion respite

courtesy of such desirables as Band of Outsiders, Obedient Sons, and Rag & Bone. The free mini carrot-cake cupcake isn't your only reward for stopping by and discovering the ideal piece.

843 Montgomery, SF. (415) 834-9040, [www.sfcarrots.com](http://www.sfcarrots.com)

### BEST ONE-STOP MAELSTROM OF METAL

Chances are, if you're at all familiar with the Bay Area metal scene, you've crossed paths with Shaxul, proprietor of **Shaxul Records**. In addition to distributing and releasing local and rare metal albums, Shaxul hosts a monthly radio show on KUSF (all-metal, natch) and runs a snug storefront on Haight Street, boldly perched opposite the megasize Amoeba Records. The walls are black and decorated with all manner of posters and T-shirts (including a particularly rad High on Fire tee that is sold out on every Internet vendor you might think of). The shelves are packed with vinyl (them things you put on a record player, kids!), CDs, DVDs, and more. And you ain't gonna find no wimpy selections here: Shaxul almost exclusively stocks

bands with names that'd scare your grandma, with brutal sounds to match. Both current (Saros, Hammers of Misfortune, Asunder) and classic (Death, Exodus, Testament) acts are well represented. Emo kids stay home! Everyone else, horns up.

1816 Haight, SF. (415) 831-5334, [www.shaxulrecords.com](http://www.shaxulrecords.com)

### BEST VODOO NOSE CANDY

Helen Keller once said, "Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived." Which may be true, but she forgot to add that it can also be used to accumulate money, secure a long life, and get back at your ex for blowing your housemate. The aromatic candles, incense, and powders at **Yoruba Botanica**, a Santeria store in the Mission District, have been imbued with a potent form of South American sorcery, so choose your scents wisely. You don't want to mistakenly buy a death candle for your arthritic grandmother, or some romance dust for your creepy bi-curious roommate. A consultation with one of the women who run Yoruba Botanica will ensure

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Charlie's chocolate factory may be pure fiction, but **Miette Confitserie** is pure magic. This Hayes Valley confectioner, sister to the Ferry Building's Miette Patisserie, brings European decadence and child-like devotion to the candy-shop concept. Walls are lined floor-to-ceiling with apothecary jars filled with imported boiled sweets, Dutch licorice, saltwater taffy, fine chocolates, and buttery caramels — all of which can be packaged in custom boxes tied with satin ribbons. But you don't *have* to take your treats home. Miette hosts children's birthday parties, complete with ballerinas, storytelling, and pony rides. Not a breeder? Adults can play too, with private evening fetes featuring champagne and cotton candy. Either option is ideal, considering Miette's decor is as winsome as its sweets: if the perfectly salted walnut shortbread doesn't charm you, the black-and-white checkerboard floor surely will.

449 Octavia, SF. (415) 626-6221

## BEST WAY TO LEAVE A PARTY WITHOUT YOUR CLOTHES

Alternative economies sound nice in political lectures at the University of California, Santa Cruz, but they rarely thrive in real life. Sure, there are little free markets that crop up in cities across the world, but they're usually full of questionable scavengers, dirty hippies, and slumming rich kids temporarily rebel-

ling against "the Man." And then there's the stuff they trade — the idea that one man's trash is another man's treasure just doesn't hold water when you see the usual pile of broken plates, outdated VCRs, and defunct Web site promo T-shirts. But thanks to the hipsters behind **SwapSF**, one experimental trade economy seems to be working. Their secret? Alcohol and music, of course. SwapSF is a seasonal warehouse party that charges \$5 and a bag of clothes for entry. It's a small price to pay for access to dope beats, an open bar, and all the cool togs your friends bought and never wore.  
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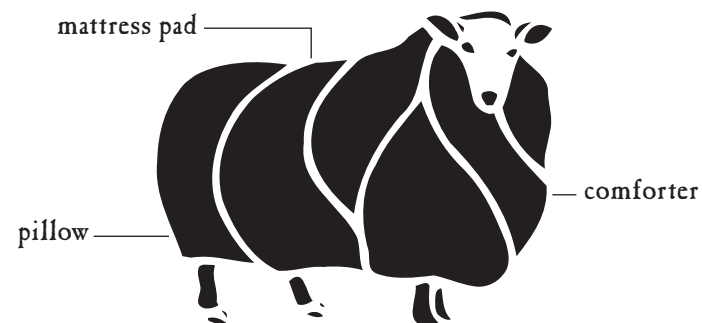
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Many people are frightened of French wine, particularly the indecipherable and austere-looking labels — but not you. When your friend goes to a Halloween costume party as an uncorked bottle of Château d'Yquem, you are savvy enough to be amused. You are also savvy enough to know where to find deals on French (and other European) wines — which can still be found despite the dollar's collapse against the euro: **The Wine House**. The warehousey setting on the northern foot of Potrero Hill assures you that it's not ambience or fancy shelving you're paying for. The staff is knowledgeable, helpful, and friendly. And there are plenty of offerings from Burgundy, Bordeaux, and lesser-known wine-growing regions, especially those in the south of France. Many wines are priced near \$5 a bottle, making them competitive with Trader Joe's plonk. Best of all are regular case discounts, from 10 percent on up, along with occasional case specials (often on fine Côtes du Rhône) even more drastically discounted.  
129 Carolina, SF. (415) 355-9463, www.winesf.com

## BEST ECO-SPOT FOR NOE TOTS

Ensure the longevity of both your children and the world they'll grow up in at **Mabuhay Kids**, an eco-friendly baby boutique in Noe Valley named for the Filipino phrase for "long life." Sporting eco-friendly, safe, and stylish attire from global and local designers, Mabuhay (pronounced "ma-boo-hi") is a must for JAKC's organic baby blankets, Stubby Pencil Studio's soy crayons, and much more. Why trick out your toddlers with gun-toting G.I. Joes or sweat-shop OshKosh B'Gosh overalls

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### BEST MASTERS OF MYSTERY

A bookstore that sells mysteries shouldn't be clean and well-lit. It should look and smell and feel like it came out of the dark streets of Victorian London. And although the **San Francisco Mystery Bookstore** isn't by any means dingy or dank, it's got that wonderful cluttered feel of a place owned by someone who loves books and tolerates a bit of chaos. There are paperback mysteries everywhere — in the shelves, on the window-sill, stacked up by the cash register, tucked away in the back. They're

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## BEST ORGANIC GUYLINER

Whether you're headed to Club Meat at DNA Lounge, a Fall Out Boy concert, or simply a party full of squares where you'll be the token "edgy" guy, there's nothing to make a man feel sexy like a smudge of black kohl around the eyes. But who wants to defile his delicate emo lids with chemical-laden mainstream makeup? Not you. That's where **Pharmaca Integral Pharmacy** comes in. This Cole Valley cosmetic emporium features shelf after shelf and wall after wall of beauty products that won't take a toll on either the planet or your face. There's even a male makeup artist to give you tips, as well as a dizzying array of browsing-friendly herbal remedies, magazines, and health-related tchotchkes to occupy your friends who refuse to wear guyliner. Oh, and ladies can shop here too.  
925 Cole, SF. (415) 661-1216,  
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## BEST MID-SHOPPING RESPITE

Any savvy shopper knows you have to refuel midday if you want to hit all the sales before closing. But there's no need to resort to food courts and burger stands. Tucked away down Claude Lane, just blocks from Union Square, is **Café**

**Claude**. Dining at the clandestine café is like spending an afternoon in Paris — arguably the best shopping city in the world — and has similarly replenishing effects (without the price or carbon footprint of a flight to France). Sit inside to enjoy a daily special amid the zinc bar, period travel posters, and vintage tables all rescued from an actual Parisian café. Or refuel with soupe l'oignon, salade Niçoise, and charcuterie et fromage on the petite heated patio. Weary shoppers can also enjoy a full bar and daily happy hours from 4 to 6 p.m. After all, you might need a glass of Sancerre — or a shot of St. Germain — before you take a second glance at your receipt from Neiman Marcus.  
7 Claude Lane, SF. (415) 392-3505

## BEST BAGPIPE EMPORIUM

It's likely you've never stepped inside **Lark in the Morning**, unless you're a musician with highly specialized needs. (Bagpipe reeds? Musical saws? Chinese opera gongs? It's got 'em.) Time to change that! Though it does most of its business via mail order and its Web site, Lark recently moved from tourist-choked Fisherman's Wharf to cozier digs in the Mission District, where the diverse inventory of ethnic instruments covers the walls, fills floor space, and hangs from every available ceiling hook. Adventurous beginners (including kids) and pros alike can find what

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### BEST HOUSEWARMERS FOR POETS

Like Coleridge's "Kubla Khan" vision of a sunny pleasure dome filled with caves of ice, **Rare Device**, that bright little Hayes Valley shop on Market Street, exhibits gorgeous and amazing things. Things, (as the poem says, of course), of rare device. This San Francisco find is actually the sister of a Brooklyn establishment running under the same moniker, and both focus on designer objets d'art from around the world. Stop by once and your list of must-gets could go something like this: Japanese tea cups carved from single blocks of wood, a mouth-blown wine glass with an inverted stem, and a linen silk-screened pillow for your dreamy head. Things you must give as gifts range from the perplexing knitted bowl with a porcelain center to the mind-blow-

ingly obvious bottle opener that says "open." Well, how else are you going to pop the lid of that milk of paradise at the next housewarming party? 1845 Market, SF. (415) 863-3969, www.raredevice.net

### BEST "SECRET" GARDEN

In Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden*, it is the magic of nature, experienced privately, that transforms Mary and Colin into blossoming children. Though **Vines Café** is not officially a secret, the quaint coffee house and gallery's proximity to the typically quiet Thomson's Nursery next door seems to have a similar effect on patrons. Sitting on the patio of the converted Victorian, one might find time standing still: hummingbirds hover midair to drink nectar from red-flowered pineapple sage while bees and butterflies flit from the lavender to the lemon geraniums to the fox-glove plants below. 'Tis a place that seems built for writing in a diary, reading a fanciful novel, or sketching a whimsical landscape. And if contemplation isn't your thing, you can occupy yourself by browsing Vine's antique jewelry gallery upstairs or choosing which petunias you'll take home with you. Just don't tell Mr. Craven where you got 'em. 1113 Lincoln, Alameda. (510) 522-8489

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2 South Park, SF. (415) 882-4929; 2967 College, Berk. (510) 849-0701, www.jeremys.com

### BEST DANDY NANCIES

Toss the tacky Axe body spray, lose that horrid Aveda sheen, forget dropping oodles of dough on some designer-brand swill that looks bet-



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One of the most amazing shops is Under One Roof in the Castro. With 100 percent of the proceeds donated to 27 AIDS-related charities, it's retail with a heart!

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ter in its fancy bottle then on your handsome man-skin — **Nancy Boy** products are the real deal when it comes to male image enhancement. Manufactured locally and distributed from a lovely shop in Hayes Valley that also functions as a gallery of rare and covetable glassware, the all-natural line for men features several enormously popular products for local luxury lovers, including an inimitable signature replenishing shave cream infused with natural steam-distilled extract of fresh cucumbers ("not some 'idea of cucumber' concocted in some chemistry lab," the makers assure us), a wildly fab lavender laundry detergent, and myriad other beauty products — not just for metrosexuals and A-gays! They work on scruffy hipsters and women too! — that we never thought we'd come to depend on so much. An extra treat: co-founder Eric Roos' occasional hilarious, politically satirical newsletter that keeps us in stitches. Who knew beauty could be so spot-on? 347 Hayes, SF. (415) 552-3802, [www.nancyboy.com](http://www.nancyboy.com)

### BEST BOUTIQUE FOR HEP CATS (AND DOGS)

Jeannine Giordan believes that pet stores are places humans should want to shop in, and that pet food should be made of ingredients animals actually want to eat. So radical! So revolutionary! And, in the case of Giordan's brand new pet

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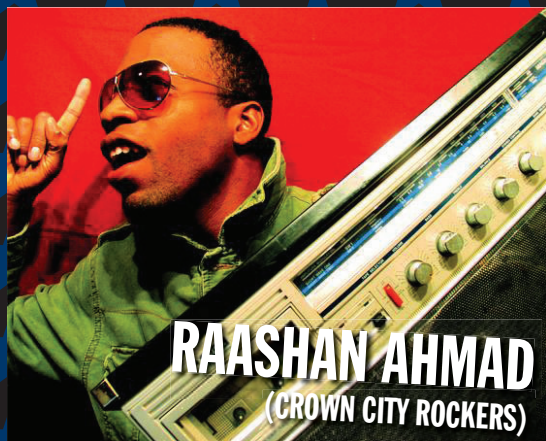


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3385 22nd St., SF. (415) 401-9663,  
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### BEST GARDEN OF FASHION

We can't decide which we like better: the imported Italian fashions **Porto** sells or the building it houses them in. It's undeniable that the clothes for women are chic, distinctive, and well made. We love the asymmetrical details on Sathia



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tees and dresses, the fun and flirty sportswear by Deha, the innovative skirts and tops from MC Planet, and the unique detailing on everything by Vasalli. But we especially love how the shop is tucked away from the bustle of Union Street down a long corridor, and how natural light floods the airy, two-story building. Add the adjacent rooftop garden, where Porto's friendly, helpful owner might let you sip bubbly between purchases, and you might forget about the clothes altogether. That is, until you check out the fabulous sale racks. One visit here and you'll never need Urban Outfitters again.

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www.eros-guide.com

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[www.breastfetishist.com](http://www.breastfetishist.com)



## EDITORS PICKS

### BEST SWEET PIECE OF ASS

Scoring a sweet piece of ass in SoMa has never been difficult, but finding it gushing with chocolate or vanilla? And in a box? For that you'll have to head to the **Cake Gallery**, where a three dimensional ass-cake is actually one of the tamer selections on the menu. The policy here is to quickly whip up "anything your demented mind can imagine." A giant penis spurting Bavarian jizz? Pssh. If you can't conjure anything crazier than that for your sister's Quinceañera, you can peruse an album of past creations for ideas: trannies swimming in rivers of piss, clam bumpin' lesbians, and iconic cartoon characters engaged in bizarre sex acts are just the tip of the iceberg here. Think big! The only order that might get you a sideways glance is a "normal" one.

290 Ninth St., SF. (415) 861-2253,  
[www.thecakegallerysf.com](http://www.thecakegallerysf.com)

### BEST APHRODISIAC WITH ADMISSION

Most San Francisco foodies worth

their salt wouldn't consider dating someone who didn't like oysters.

Obvious body-part references aside, oysters are supposedly one of the saltiest, slipperiest, juiciest aphrodisiacs on the planet (due to high levels of libido-increasing zinc) — plus there's something both sexy and classy about the whole process of eating them. The largest oyster festival on the West Coast, **O'Reilly's Oyster Festival**, then, seems like a good place to take someone if you've got ulterior motives. With attractions like the "Shuck and Suck Competition" (winner gets innuendo-filled bragging rights for a whole year), cooking demonstrations, an oyster history exhibition, and live music, North Beach's oystery weekend pretty much completely rocks. Add that other great aphrodisiac — beer — to the equation, and you'd better have some smooth moves planned for when the sun goes down.

Second weekend in May,

Fort Mason's Great Meadow, SF.  
[www.oreillysoysterfestival.com](http://www.oreillysoysterfestival.com)

### BEST DAREDEVIL FIRST DATE

Let's face it: San Francisco's dating scene is exhausting. The excess of attractive, successful single people who live and date within the city limits practically guarantees that whoever you're dating is probably dating someone else; and if someone wants to settle down with *you*, you're not quite ready because your three other options are just too good to discard. That means there are a *lot* of first dates happening all over the city. And how many times can you go for a cup of coffee at an anarchist café, or dinner at a new trendy restaurant, or an indie show at a tiny dive? For an out-of-the-ordinary meet-and-greet, trek your asses up Diamond Heights (specifically, to Douglass Street between 19th and 20th) to the **Seward Slides**, sit on the empty pizza box you brought with you, and get ready to shoot headfirst down the awesomest hidden hillside slides in San Francisco. Plus, you're less likely to run into your date's other poly partners. Seward and Douglass Sts., SF.

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Forget the Hallmark cards and expensive rings. Valentine's Day was made for one thing only: boning. You know it, we know it, and all the animals on God's green earth know it. If you need proof, book a spot at the SF Zoo's annual



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**Woo at the Zoo** for a multimedia, champagne-soaked rundown of the myriad fornication styles the Coital Creator has bestowed upon Her beastly children. Gasp at the site of a horse's schlong as it enters an unsuspecting mare. Wince at the violent lovemaking rituals of sharks. Imagine penguin orgies and simian BDSM parties. By the time the show's over, your animal-loving date will be hornier than a bonobo and ready to get down, monkey-style, in the backseat of your Jaguar (or VW Rabbit, if that's how you roll). If you hear screams of ecstasy in the parking lot after the show, listen closely — we bet some of 'em are human.

1 Zoo, SF. (415) 753-7080,  
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there, take your sweetie and your fixie through the Broadway Tunnel to Washington Square Park, and head up Telegraph Hill to the base of Coit Tower. Check out the WPA murals on the way, then descend 28 stories down the wooden stairs until you hear distinctive squawks from the flock. Next? Look. Listen. Lock lips. What you do after that is between you, the birds, and the bees.

Filbert and Telegraph Hill Blvd., SF.  
www.coittower.org

## BEST BEER GOGGLES DOWN BELOW

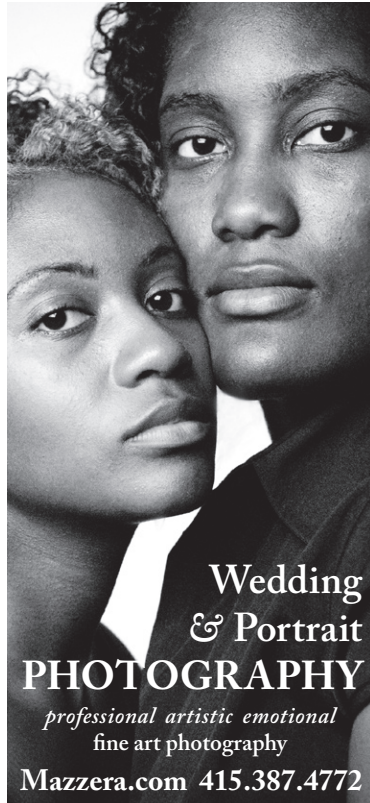
The thing about shelling out for drinks when you aim to impress a hottie is that they go away so quickly (the drinks, definitely; the hottie, possibly). By the time your crush is rattling ice in the base of their empty vodka-cran-lime glass, the object of your financed affections may have moved on to the other end of the bar. But strike up a good rapport with someone at the Lucky 13, Zeitgeist, the R Bar, or

Ace's, and you can spend your hard-earned bucks on a longer-lasting investment with clearer purpose — and a better chance of big returns. The answer? **Underwear bearing the bar's logo**. If your paramour accepts the gift, you know you're on the same page — and possibly on your way to a private, postbar fashion show. Just make sure you get ones you like. After all, both rejection and romance can end with you having to wear them.

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Smooth-talking, heavy-handed bartenders and a packed house of good-looking, hormonal twenty- and thirtysomethings boozing it up in muted, raucous style are part of what make **Solstice** a classic among booty-call bars. If you've already got a FWB, this place will get you in the mood — and do it in style. And if you're simply looking for a bed buddy, you'll have your pick of

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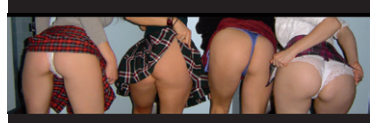


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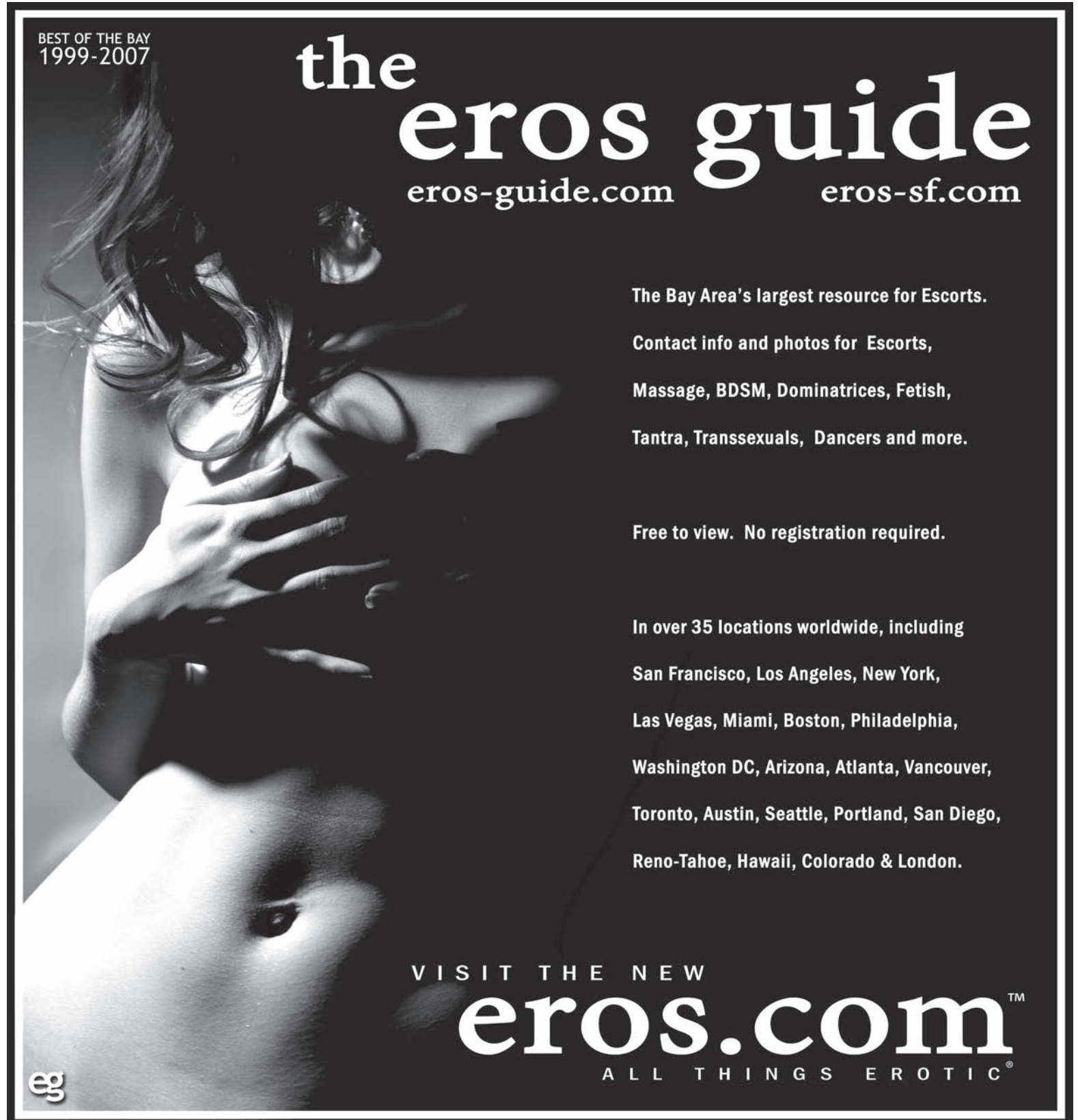
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young execs with flushed cheeks, loosened ties, and skirts deliberately pushed up high-thigh. The menu's got classy down-home bar food like Kobe beef sliders with sweet potato fries or gorgonzola mac 'n' cheese, so you can satisfy any "not before you buy me dinner" road-blocks. Add in that happy hour that starts at 5 p.m. and food is available until midnight (that's *seven* hours to score), and you're looking at pretty good odds. Speaking of looking good, everyone does after a bottle of wine, so take advantage of Monday's half-off special.

2801 California, SF. (415) 359-1222, [www.solsticelounge.com](http://www.solsticelounge.com)

### BEST VIOLET BLUE

Beloved San Francisco sex writer **Violet Blue** recently started seeing red when she realized porn actress Ada Mae Johnson had adopted her moniker in 2001 — using it to make 300 films, which earned her the coveted "Best New Starlet" award

from *Adult Video News* in 2002. The conflict came to a head at the 2006 Exotic Erotic Ball, where confusion ensued when SF Violet Blue (her given name) and porn star Violet Blue both attended. Last year the writer of sex books and columnist for SFGate.com sued her doppelgänger to get Johnson to change her stage name. After the writer won an initial victory in the courts earlier this year, the porn star finally changed her name — first to Violetta Blue, then to Noname Jane. We're happy for Blue, though we assume Noname doesn't feel the same. She's probably green with envy. [www.tinybubbles.com](http://www.tinybubbles.com), [www.myspace.com/nonamejane](http://www.myspace.com/nonamejane)

### BEST DISNEY WITH LUBE

Whoever thinks a DVD is the best way to see gay porn never watched it on 8mm. The undoctored color, the absence of grunting, the lurid, jumpy detail ... how could you not prefer that to the glossy, homogenous automatons in contemporary adult films? Of course, finding gay porn by way of the DVD's lasered predecessor isn't easy — which is where **Super8Man** comes in. This 8mm-afficionado has collected an impressive number of such films, exhibiting the grainy fantasies at various clubs and venues — like Artists' Television Access — throughout the city. So keep an eyeball out for this showman and his varied and nuanced delights. Perhaps you'll even get to see his personal favorite: a madcap vignette of two guys fucking in a van while a wheel man zips them through town with the back doors swinging open. It's like Disney's *North Avenue Irregulars* with lube!

[www.super8man.com](http://www.super8man.com), [www.handbookmen.com](http://www.handbookmen.com)

### BEST MÉNAGE À MEATLESS

It's said that vegetarians have the freshest smelling genitals around.

But the folks at **Millennium** seem to know something about the way a flesh deficit affects a vegetarian's sex life in other ways. Apparently, noncarnivores feel an intense yearning for a four-course meal and an all-night session of cruelty-free lovemaking every month. That's why they host an Aphrodisiac Dinner and optional accompanying overnight package in a Love Suite at The Hotel California every Sunday closest to the full moon. Gone are the days of curry-scented, low-budget establishments and a grabass session in the VW bus — high-rolling horny vegans can now feast and fornicate in upscale style. You can opt only for the meal (\$45), but we suggest the full package (\$192) for a more satisfying dessert.

580 Geary, SF. (415) 345-3900, [www.millenniumrestaurant.com](http://www.millenniumrestaurant.com)

### BEST SWINGIN' SEX CLUB

It isn't just the jazz bands that are swingin' in North Beach. Private club **Twist** offers couples the opportunity to engage in that other kind of swinging, away from home. Located in a two-story commercial space, Twist provides a club atmosphere for adults who want to play you-show-me-yours-I'll-show-you-mine with style, sophistication, and secrecy — the club is invitation-only (apply online), very big on etiquette, and very specific about not giving away details about its patrons. No drugs are allowed, but unlike many sex clubs, there is a bar, though it's BYO wine and beer (no hard alcohol). Visitors like the art on the walls; the washable black covers on couches and beds; and the supply of fluffy towels, condoms, and lube in every room. Voyeurs and exhibitionists love transparent room dividers, while shyer types like the downstairs dance floor and DJ. No single men are allowed, and couples are asked to arrive, participate, and leave together, so this

is an especially appealing and safe place for single ladies. Plus, they get in free!

(415) 812-7221, [www.twist-sf.com](http://www.twist-sf.com)

### BEST GALLERY-WORTHY GLAMOUR SHOTS

Looking for a sexy gift? Or maybe a titillating mantelpiece? We suggest photos of you naked, in your favorite corset, or wrapped around your lover, taken at **Erosfoto**, the boudoir photography studio run by gallery-exhibited artist Suzanne Jameson. A far cry from mall-quality glamour photos, Jameson's prints fuse fine art principles with her subjects' ideas, making the result of each private session tasteful and uniquely sexy. Even better, Jameson's an expert in helping the women and couples she works with feel comfortable. She encourages models to bring their own music, clothing, lingerie, jewelry, and props — or to borrow some from her extensive collection. She also can provide makeup and hair artists upon request — indeed, many brides-to-be kill two birds with one erotic stone by using portraits as nuptial gifts for their spouses *and* a chance to test out wedding day hair and makeup. The pictures aren't cheap — it costs \$600 for a two-hour session — but you're welcome to split the cost with a friend who wants to pose too. You get a DVD with digital negatives, and you keep all rights to the photos. 1483 Guerrero, SF. (415) 706-5237, [www.erosfoto.net](http://www.erosfoto.net)

### BEST DARING DRESS-UP CLOTHES

While roses and rosé may do it for some, others need latex and leather to get them in the mood. The latter lotharios need look no further than **Stormy Leather**. This SoMa warehouse is a dream for playing daring dress-up, carrying everything from sweet silk corsets to



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BY BRANDON JOSEPH BAKER

sadistic leather whips — and everything in between. We especially like its line of latex clothing, with styles ranging from Cat Woman to Marilyn Monroe-esque, and the selection of corsets, including the ruffled Colette and military-themed Sergeant. Since Stormy's a manufacturer as well as a retailer, you can have items custom made to fit your size and preferences (yellow extra small? red silk 5X?) — and the knowledgeable staff to help you figure out what, exactly, those preferences are. What's even sexier is how involved Stormy is in the community, providing classes in fetish play, hosting art shows, and sponsoring burlesque troupe Twilight Vixen Revue.

1158 Howard, SF. (415) 626-1672, [www.stormyleather.com](http://www.stormyleather.com) **SFBG**

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(415) 267-6100, [www.sffog.org](http://www.sffog.org)

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Various locations. [www.goldgym.com](http://www.goldgym.com)

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3215 Lakeshore, Oakl. (510) 595-1330, [www.monkeyyoga.com](http://www.monkeyyoga.com)

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351 Shotwell, SF. (415) 863-6606, [www.odcdance.org](http://www.odcdance.org)



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1 Linda, SF. (415) 641-2841, [www.sfgov.org](http://www.sfgov.org)

### BEST SURF SPOT

#### Linda Mar, Pacifica

The water's cold, the waves are rough, and the weather is screwy, but our readers love a challenge. Cabrillo Hwy. at Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica.

### BEST PARK FOR HIKING

#### Tilden Park

Trek through winding trails full of trees and wildlife at the oldest and most beautiful park in the East Bay. Grizzly Park Blvd., Berk. (510) 562-PARK, [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

### BEST NUDE BEACH

#### Baker Beach

Rock out with your cock out or jam out with your clam out at the best

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### BEST CLOTHED BEACH

#### Stinson Beach

Amazing (if often fog-drenched) views, cool spontaneous sand sculptures, and tons of hidden nooks and crannies for a private feel.

1 Calle del Sierra, Stinson. (415) 868-1922, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

### BEST NATURE SPOT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; BEST PUBLIC PARK

#### Golden Gate Park

Accessibility is key at this beloved multifaceted venue, which offers several services specifically for the disabled.

[www.parks.sfgov.org](http://www.parks.sfgov.org)

### BEST PICNIC SPOT

#### Dolores Park

Panoramic views of the city, half-naked hotties, beer, sausage, and pot brownies. This ain't your daddy's picnic spot (well, maybe your sugar daddy's)!

Dolores between 18th and 20th Sts., SF.

### BEST DOG PARK

#### Fort Funston

Where else can a pup frolic in Pacific Ocean waves and then chill with his bitch on a grassy knoll when he's done? Nowhere.

Skyline Blvd. at John Muir Dr., SF. [www.fortfunstondog.org](http://www.fortfunstondog.org)

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[www.angelisland.org](http://www.angelisland.org)

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You can see everything from Twin Peaks: the sky, the city, the tourists, the tweakers!

Top of Twin Peaks Blvd., SF.

### BEST PLACE TO WATCH THE SUNSET

#### Ocean Beach

The sun may rise in the eastern skies, but it settles in a fine location: just off the shore of the O.B.

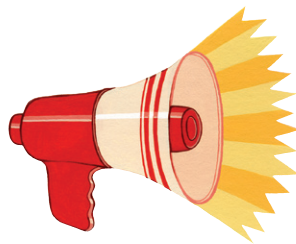
Great Hwy. between Geary and Sloat Blvds., SF.

### BEST PLACE TO SEE THE STARS

#### Mt. Tamalpais

Your roof might be awesome, but if your landlord catches you up there, you'll be homeless in no time. Skip the eviction and head to Mt. Tam.

801 Panoramic Hwy., Mill Valley. [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)



## EDITORS PICKS

### BEST CEREBRAL WORKOUT

OK, you know when you're doing the elliptical at the gym, flipping idly through an *US Weekly* between fighting with some meathead over whether you've really been on the machine for 30 minutes? That's your body getting stronger while your mind's getting weaker. Combat your brain's slow atrophy at **vibrantBrains**, the only gym devoted exclusively to the oft-ignored muscle inside your skull. Instead of sweat-drenched Nautilus machines, vibrantBrains is composed of computer stations with software to challenge different parts of your mind. Happy Neuron works out your cognitive and language skills, while Lumosity's exercises work out your memory and attention capabilities. In between "workouts," the vibrantBrains lounge offers tea, reading material, and a community of newly intelligent peers. Classes like "Minding Your Mind" and "Neurobics" are also offered. All software is proven scientifically to improve brain function, but vibrantBrains' owners, Lisa Schoonerman and Jan Zivic, provide a personal touch that eases your wits into fitness.

3235 Sacramento, SF. (415) 775-1138, [www.vibrantbrains.com](http://www.vibrantbrains.com)

### BEST DRINKING CLUB WITH A RUNNING PROBLEM

Banish preconceived notions about running clubs: people whose less-than-1-percent body fat is shel-lacked in sweat-wicking, high-tech fabrics; New Balance slaves to a stopwatch and heart monitor. Not so with the **Hash House Harriers** (or H3), a running club fueled more by beer and sexual innuendo than Gu and Cytomax. The Harriers' motto is "A drinking club with a running problem." A hash run is based on hare hunting, with the leading hasher laying out a trail that the rest follow. This entails more than improvising a route, however: the hasher must set up the keg and beer stops along the way. Punishments are doled out for not following the route, and they're not

just sore muscles. Down-downs, as they're called, involve drinking all the alkie in your cup. Booze consumption along the way isn't the only unorthodoxy; members choose some very interesting nicknames, which range from "Wet Nurse" to "Cum Guzzling Cockaholic." If Bay to Breakers comes 51 times less a year than you'd like, join up now. (415) 5-ON-HASH, [www.sfh3.com](http://www.sfh3.com)

### BEST WAY TO GO

When most people hear "go," they think of the opposite of "stop" or that middling '90s rave movie. Well, there's a lot more to "go" than green lights and Katie Holmes. Take, for example, Go, the 4,000-year-old Chinese board game. Go, or "Eastern Chess," involves two players facing off over a wooden board with small black and white stones as their weapons. The game, once used in military training schools to teach strategy, is challenging, complex, and addictive. Where can you go to Go in San Francisco? You go to the **San Francisco Go Club**, where you can enter Go tournaments, get Go ranking verification, receive Go lessons, or simply throw down a challenge ("You wanna Go?!"). Going since 1935, this organization, headquartered in an intimate little Richmond District space, is perfect for Go fanatics and first-time Go-phers alike. Even if chess, backgammon, and checkers aren't doing it for you anymore, don't give up on board games — Go further. 500 Eighth Ave., SF. (415) 386-9565, [www.sfgoclub.com](http://www.sfgoclub.com)

### BEST PLACE TO POLISH YOUR STUNTS

Fear not, action stars. Just because you lost your stuntman (they're first to go in a recession) doesn't mean your movie has to suck. Head over to the **Tat Wong Kickboxing Academy** and learn those kung fu moves for yourself. Founded by Master Tat Wong — one of *Inside Kung Fu* magazine's 100 Most Influential Martial Artists of the 20th century and host of TV's "Kung Fu Theater" — the academy uses a combination of Chinese San Shou, American kickboxing, and Muay Thai techniques to instruct students of all ages in a huge former bank building on Clement Street. What does that all mean? It means that whether you're an action star or an extra, you'll be arrow-punching and tornado-kicking your way to tighter buns, mental discipline, and badass self-defense skills. And even if you're not the next Jean-Claude



## The Mission Pool! It's delightful looking up into the deep blue sky while doing the backstroke.

Susan, Mission



Van Damme, Tat Wong's cardio kickboxing classes may ensure you outlive him.

601 Clement, SF. (415) 752-5555, [www.tatwong.com](http://www.tatwong.com)

### BEST UPPER CUTS

If you thought *You Don't Mess with the Zohan* was just another escapist summer film fantasy, think again. Ass-kicking hairstylists really do exist. Witness Michael Onello, the owner of **Michael the Boxer**, the only boxing gym and barbershop in the Bay Area. Michael is a third-generation barber and professional boxing trainer, highly qualified to dish out both buzz cuts and uppercuts. From the barber chair to the boxing ring, Onello's SoMa shop is a blend of old-school service and new-school fitness. You can peruse Onello's book, *Boxing: Advanced Tactics and Strategies*, during a hot lather shave and then, afterward, head into the ring to learn how to throw a haymaker. It's boxing and barbering, all under one roof. But don't let the *Zohan* comparisons give you the wrong idea. Michael's not working — as a boxer or barber — for laughs. He's simply the best double-threat in town. As Muhammad Ali said, "It's not bragging if you can back it up." 96 Lafayette, SF. (415) 425-3814, [www.michaeltheboxer.com](http://www.michaeltheboxer.com)

### BEST NET PROFIT

On a late-night talk show, five-time Wimbledon champion Venus Williams recently referred to herself as a "tennis nerd," meaning that when she isn't playing tennis, she likes to watch it. All Bay Area tennis nerds should know about the **Centre Court Pro Shop** at San

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Francisco Tennis Club. For once you won't have to trek through a maze of equipment for other sports to get to the array of shoes, clothes, and racquets. And if you glance at the TV by the front counter, you'll likely see a recording of a classic match. Casual onlookers who were wowed by the epic "Greatest Match Ever" between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer can show their allegiance to the players associated with the sport's renaissance by buying some new Babolat or Wilson gear. The shop has a ton of demo racquets, so any player — from weekend hacker to daily tennis nerd — can figure out through trial and error (and fun) which stick works best for hitting winners and upping their game.

645 Fifth St., SF. (415) 777-9010

## BEST GAME IN TOWN

When you're winning, it doesn't matter where you watch. "The Catch" in '82 could have made prison walls disappear. Super Bowl XXIX (Niners 49, Chargers 26) gave that boiler-room sublet in the Tenderloin charm. Yes, winning throws a glow on your surroundings, but when you're losing — the 49ers have finished below .500 for the last five seasons; the Giants, for the last three — it's a different story. You want comfort. You want character. You want beer. Thankfully, there's **Green's Sport's Bar** on Polk. It's got all the essentials: 17 high-definition TVs, 18 draft beers, and vintage *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit editions on the walls. Friendly staff, fanatical patrons, and an interior covered with flags, jerseys, pucks, pictures, and pennants — your game at Green's is a guaranteed "W" regardless of the score, and a perfect reminder that just because your team's losing, you don't have to be a loser.

2239 Polk, SF. (415) 775-4287

## BEST EXPLOSION OF AQUA

We're perhaps a little too, er, *unbalanced* to stand upright enough on a surfboard and guide it through the roiling waves, but that doesn't mean we're not suckers for hotties in wetsuits. Often you'll find us curled up with a cup of joe in the dunes of Ocean Beach or Pacifica (or, hell, southern Baja — we're enthusiasts!) appreciating fine-bodied curler-tamers from afar and merrily offering freshly laundered towels and the pitiful results of our amateur clambake to those who return from the breakers unbroken. But enough about us. This award goes to **Aqua Surf Shop** for not only outfitting our heroic tsunami-herders with affordable boards, suits, and accessories, but also taking the whole surfwear trend in charitable directions with glamorous fashion shows at 111 Minna that benefit the Edgewood Center for Families and Children and feature the work of several primo local stylists and music makers. With a new Haight Street location to complement its original Ocean Beach store, Aqua keeps growing and growing, proving that surfers really are the gift that keeps on giving.

2830 Sloat, SF. (415) 282-9243; 1742 Haight, SF. (415) 876-2782, [www.aquasurfshop.com](http://www.aquasurfshop.com)

## BEST TRUE SCHOOL SKATE COMPANY

Skateboarding may be the coolest sport in the world, but its popularity has come with a price: the loss of authenticity and soul. The subculture used to be underground and dangerous, but thanks to corporate buyouts, heavy MTV coverage, and the X Games, it's become as innocent as lacrosse. Luckily, **Deluxe**, a.k.a. DLX, the parent distribution company for Real Skateboards, Thunder Trucks, Spitfire Wheels, Krooked, and Antihero, keeps it real. With a focus on localized



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production — all boards, trucks, wheels, and clothes are actually made right here in the city — and a dedication to a distinctly San Franciscan brand of skate culture (flannels, beers, and raw street), Deluxe has managed to maintain some integrity as an alternative for

the small sect of people who like to skate but hate the mall. Deluxe pros like Mark Gonzales, Dan Dreobl, and Peter Ramondetta are as far as you can get from corporate whores like Tony Hawk and Bam Margera, and the products Deluxe makes bear almost no resemblance to the

shit they stock at Westfield Centre. 1111A 17th St., SF. (415) 468-7845, [www.dlxsf.com](http://www.dlxsf.com)

## BEST GIANT FITNESS CLUB THAT ATE ALAMEDA

The **Bladium** isn't joking when it

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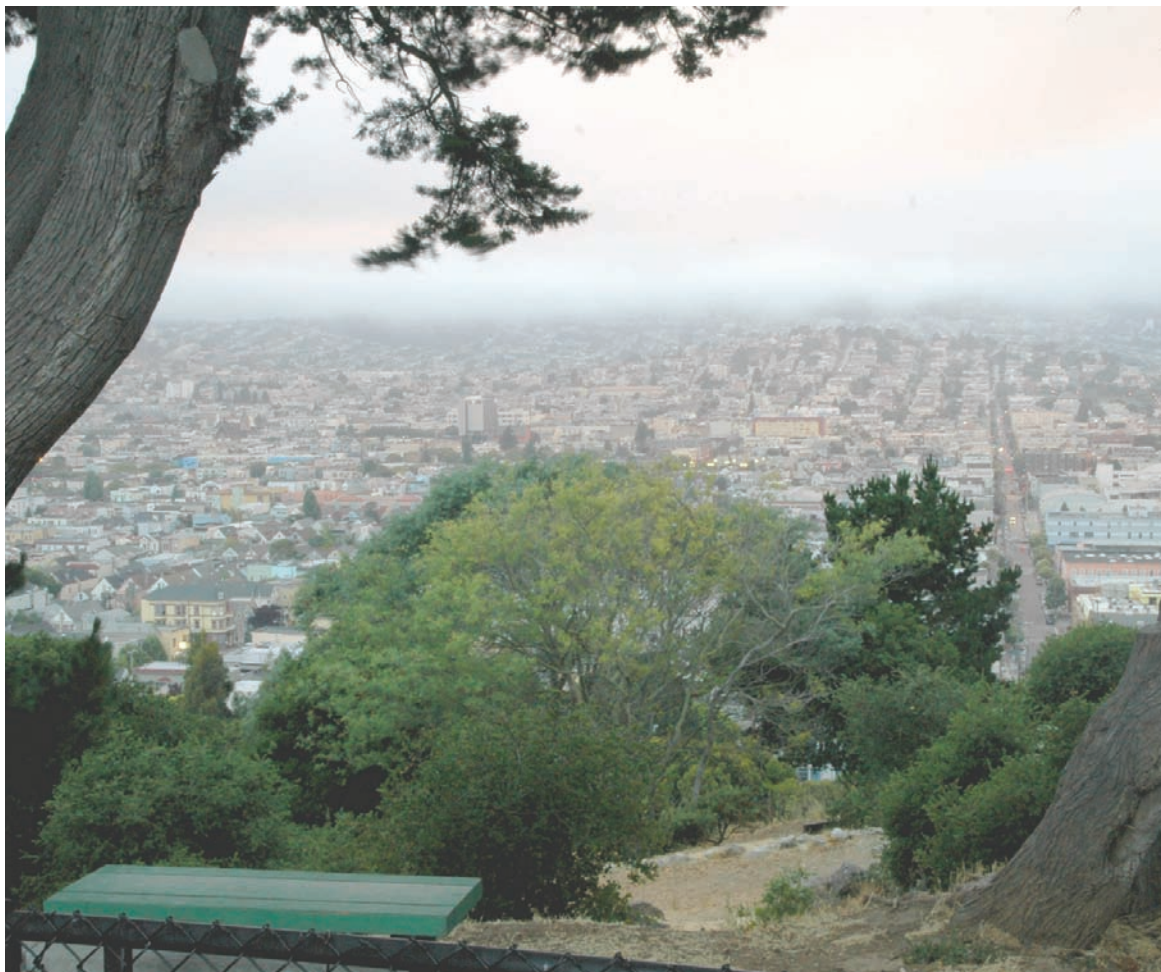


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bills itself as "big club, big energy." Situated in a former aircraft hangar on an abandoned naval base, the 120,000-square-foot sports and fitness club has stellar views of the aircraft carrier USS *Hornet* and San Francisco. Inside, airy dance studios, two indoor soccer fields, an in-line hockey rink, a rock climbing wall, boxing ring, basketball and volleyball courts, and a kids center mean there are plenty of ways to get hot and sweaty. Did we mention the well-stocked bar and grill where you can offset any potential weight loss from all that working out? The club's belief in cross-training as the best way to stay healthy translates into plenty of exercise options for one low monthly fee. But beware the darling clothing store situated inside the club. That's where you may lose the shirt off your back, in exchange for a racy lacy sports bra — all the better to show off your nascent abs.

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### BEST TWO-WHEELED COMMUTE

All the transportation experts say that when it comes to riding bicycles through big-city streets, there is safety in numbers. So if you're among the majority of San Franciscans who still don't pedal their way to work, there's no better day to try it than **Bike to Work Day**, which occurs each May. This year, for the first time in San Francisco history, official traffic surveys that day counted more bicycles than automobiles during the morning commute on Market Street, a particularly astounding feat given that a court injunction has prevented the city from creating any new bike lanes or making improvements for the past couple of years. The day also features free coffee and other goodies from "energizer stations" (often staffed by very attractive "energizers") around town and a Bike Home from Work afterparty, where you can flirt with the steel buns set and toast your merry mileage. [www.sfbike.com](http://www.sfbike.com)

### BEST NON-KINKY ROPE SKILLS

San Francisco has never been

known for its wholesome use of rope — check Kink.com for a taste of "normal" SF-style rope play — but that's all changing now that the Double Dutchesses are back on the scene. The DD girls, four super-sexy city girls with mind-boggling rope skills, made a big splash a few years ago with their quirky jump rope routines and blood-drenched performance art skits. But despite DD's efforts, the great double dutch resurgence never quite took off, probably because choreographed jump roping is hard as hell. The girls laid low for a while, working diligently on their routines, but now they're back. Their new jump rope instruction organization, **SFC Double Dutch**, is dedicated to spreading the joy of jump rope. So untie your bondage slave and sign up for classes at CELLspace or Studio Garcia before they fill up. Uptown, downtown; everybody's gettin' down.

214 Clara, SF. (415) 618-0992, [www.sfcdoubledutch.com](http://www.sfcdoubledutch.com)

### BEST SWINGIN' ON A STAR

You might not have had the need — or the opportunity — to plan an over-the-top, no-holds-barred romantic date recently. Let's face it:



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it's hard to get a date in this city, let alone get one you're actually excited about. But just when you're least expecting it, someone wonderful lands in your lap, and you find yourself frantically trying to come up with something that will impress. May we suggest **McKinley Park**, a hidden gem atop Potrero Hill. It's an ideal date stop: the swing set at the edge of the sleepy playground stunningly overlooks the entire city. Soaring through the night air, you feel as though you'll launch into the stars. It's even better to bike up to the park, despite the major hill climb required, as the rolling hills sloping down toward Third Street provide the best cycling roller coaster this city has to offer — with an ocean view. 20th Street at Vermont, SF



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### BEST CYCLOCROSS-DRESSERS

If you don't do a double take when you see a six-foot-four female impersonator screaming at a Muni driver on Market Street because he rear-ended her '57 Chevy, congratulations. You've officially

arrived as a proper San Francisco citizen. Where else is it considered commonplace to see a trolley hit a tranny? Yet even the most seasoned SF residents might turn their heads at this: grown men, dressed in skintight spandex and frilly lingerie, sprinting through Golden Gate Park with bikes hiked over their shoulders. This occasion, the **Outlaw Cyclocross Race**, is the unofficial annual opener for Northern California's October-February cyclocross race season, in which dozens of hardcore, or ridiculous, cyclists cross-dress to avoid an entry fee. Zooming off in a cloud of dust, the froofy men (and a few tie-wearing women) race through a closed-circuit loop filled with steep hills and insurmountable logs. This slightly non-legal event has kept itself well-hidden from permit-demanding eyes for almost 15 years. To find it, you'll have to listen in the fall for strident yodels and ripping lace.

### BEST HEAD START

You celebrate the same birthday over and over. You've begun to contemplate Botox. And let's not even talk about your waistline: Your muffin top runneth over. In our youth-centric, waif-y culture, where

are the breaks for the older or plumper folks? The **Double Dipsea Race** is one. This 14.2-mile foot-race, a round-trip between Stinson Beach and Mill Valley held in June, is age-handicapped: the oldest runners are given up to a 25-minute advantage over a scratch group of younger pups. The race has a few more swerves from convention. Women over 140 pounds and men over 200 can take special prizes. And runners who frequent those North Bay trails would do well to take note of the race's permissible shortcuts. The race offers these corner-cutters because founder Walt Stack wanted to encourage women and older folks to participate. The course is still grueling — a 2200-foot nongradual elevation gain, uneven, rocky footing, and yes, the infamous 600-plus Mill Valley steps. Yet it offers a gorgeous and breathtaking (if you have any left to take) vista of the Pacific.  
[www.doubledipsea.com](http://www.doubledipsea.com)

### BEST HIGH BACKSIDE OLLIE COMEBACK

There was a time when San Francisco was ground zero for skate culture. Spots like the Justin Herman Plaza, Hubba Hideout, and Pier Seven cranked out pro after pro and bred a scene more stylish



SFC Double Dutch: Best Non-Kinky Rope Skills, page 122 | GUARDIAN PHOTO BY CHARLES RUSSO



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and full of big-city attitude than the world had ever seen. It was great for the city's skaters who enjoyed fame, money, and industry-wide respect, but the corporations that owned the plazas, ledges, and staircases were unanimously pissed off. Ledges were capped, security guards were hired, and special laws were created to make sure San Francisco became as undesirable for skaters as an empty swimming pool for Olympian dog-paddlers. Most of the SF skate scene may have vanished since the attack, but it never died. The new **Portero Del Sol Skatepark** is proof. New pros, up-and-comers, and established vets like Max Schaff and Karma Tsocheff have been tearing that shit up since the cement dried back in April.

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## BEST STEEL CITY BRO-DOWN

If you've ever met someone from Pittsburgh, you've met a Steelers fan. Steel City natives are *serious* about sports. San Francisco has a surprisingly large number of Steelers bars, where transplants and trend-followers throw back brews-kis at 10 a.m. on football season Sundays. But **Giordano Bros.** sandwich shop in North Beach makes you genuinely feel like you're back in the 'Burgh itself. It's not uncommon to hear the hoots of former elementary school classmates running into each other, beer is available in buckets — and authentic Primanti Bros.-style sandwiches are served. These wonders are stacked with your choice of Italian meat (try the hot cappicola) and slathered with cheese, oil and vinegar, and french fries between thick-sliced Italian bread. (Add boiled egg for the full experience.) Four large TVs ensure everyone can see the game. When the Steelers win, Giordano's proprietors pass around Iron City, a brew found only in Pittsburgh. Because, in Pittsburghese: "Every one of yinz Stillers fans gets a victory swig dahn 'ere."

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## BEST BODY SLAMS

The folks at **Fog City Wrestling** want you to watch a luchador slam a Tom Cruise impersonator into the floor. They want you to see a Samoan take-down team (combined weight: 1,100 pounds) take on the "Reno Punks" in a swirling, convoluted drama of independent pro-wrasslin'. Sweaty, in-your-face, "maybe knock you over if you're in the front row" wrestling has come back to San Francisco after what promoters Caesar Black and



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Erin, Mission



Steve Armani claim has been a 30-year absence. Fog City's shows are packed with so many acts, highlights, and subplots that things get raucously confusing. With a full-size ring and professional sound and lights, it brings a high level of showmanship with a big ol' plate of athleticism on the side. Wrestlers like Rikishi, the Mexican Werewolf, and Mister Primetime pull big-show moves — flying back flips, body slams, and pile drivers — just like them whut you see on the tee-vee.

[www.fogcitywrestling.com](http://www.fogcitywrestling.com)

## BEST FLYCATCHIN'

As a San Francisco resident, it's your born (or inherited, or adopted) duty to be a Giants fan. It doesn't matter that baseball is boring or that scandal rocks the team every year that they don't completely suck. But just going to a Giants game can be as sporty as playing baseball — and you don't even have to enter the ballpark. Grab a pony keg and some friends, don your orange fright wig, set up camp on the stone benches across from the waterway by AT&T Park, and while away the afternoon or evening **watching the kayakers on the bay wait to catch fly balls.** You'll almost be able to see the big screen where the game is projected. Or, if you actually care about what's going on inside, press your eyeballs up to the right of the bicycle-parking check-in and you've got the best field-side seats in the park. Why pay \$6 per Bud to watch the Giants lose when you can drink your own beer, listen to the cheers and jeers, and enjoy some amateur watersports? **SFBG**

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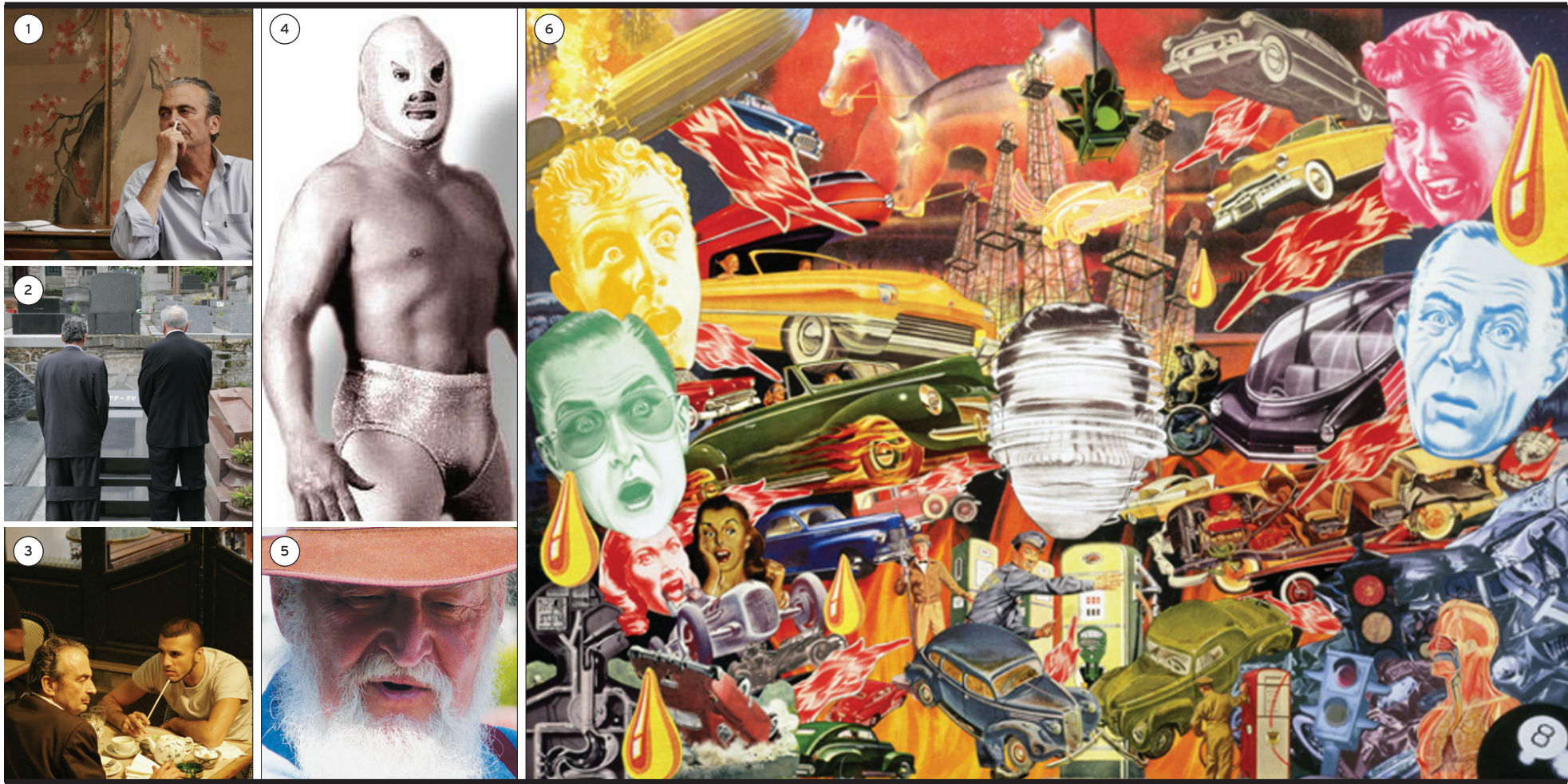


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## GIGOLO LOW

By Johnny Ray Huston  
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At the start of Jacques Nolot's *Before I Forget*, a tiny black dot gradually swallows an empty white screen. A bleak reversal of Jacques Demy's beloved use of the iris to reveal scenery, this trick is one of many pulled off by Nolot, who also somehow invokes Pier Paolo Pasolini's *Salò* (1975) in the service of autobiographical comedy. A hustler for Roland Barthes, a writer and actor for André Téchiné, and star of the classic but neglected 2001 Mohammed Mrabet adaptation *Beach Café*, the slyly brilliant Nolot is finally getting the attention he deserves. *Before I Forget* (reviewed by Matt Sussman in this issue) is one of 2008's best movies. Fri/1 through August 7, \$10.50-\$13.50  
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WEDNESDAY  
JULY 30

## FILM

### "Mad for Manchester"

In my punk rock fantasy life, I want to come from a frigid working-class city in England. The balmy beach-adjacent Southern California suburb I grew up in was conducive to many things, but becoming a misunderstood rock star was not one of them. Manchester, home to Joy Division (yes, love *will* tear us apart ...), is one such 'burb. San Francisco Film Society's SF360 Film+Club presents a double screening of 2007's *Joy Division*, a documentary about the group, and *Control* (2007), a fictionalized account of lead singer Ian Curtis's short and troubled life. Between the two films, Britpop DJ Aaron Axelsen, spins exclusively Manchester-related records. (Ailene Sankur)

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THURSDAY  
JULY 31

## MUSIC

### Larry Coryell

A standard electric guitar has six strings and 24 frets for potentially endless combinations. And still Larry Coryell wants more — pedals, dials, digital signal processing machines. Coryell is the Jackson Pollock of the instrument, and the guitar is simply his brush, while his ears search ceaselessly for colors, consistencies, and varied canvases. Widely recognized as *the* pioneer of guitar jazz-rock fusion, he cut his teeth with legendary rockers Jimi Hendrix, Carlos Santana, and Eric Clapton before leaving the gritty, earthbound plane of rock for an ethereal, cosmic style. Half laser-beam electric scream, half articulate bebop virtuosity, but ever-inflected with rock roots, his sound continues to imbue an otherworldly sensitivity to the scene. (Ian Ferguson)

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## MUSIC/FILM

### "Music Without Borders"

Based on the growing list of organizations that seek to eradicate them, borders seem to restrict a lot of people. Doctors, mothers, engineers, and teachers all envision a world without them, and now music lovers can too. Headlining Music Without Borders is the Kronos Quartet, four San Franciscans whose genre-defying string compositions have led them to collaborate with artists from around the world, including Osvaldo Golijov, Bollywood's Asha Bhosle, and Philip Glass. The weekend also includes screenings of *Half Moon* (2006), a film about a Kurdish musician returning to post-Saddam Hussein Iraq, and *Breaking the Silence* (2002), about the restoration of music in Afghanistan after the Taliban's ban was lifted. (Laura Mojonner)

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FRIDAY  
AUG. 1

## MUSIC

### Juan Atkins

Eminem gave his estimation of electronic music in his track "Without Me" by stating, "It's over — nobody listens to techno" in the midst of a homophobic Moby diss. Ironically enough, America's electronic scene originated in Detroit, Eminem's backyard. Like Motown in the '60s and disco in the '70s, techno in the '80s became a way for Detroit's young African Americans to express themselves musically. Along with high school mates Derrick May and Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins developed repetitive, percussion-focused music that tapped into the city's history of rhythm and soul and its future of synthesizers and drum machines. His massive influence for more than two

decades has earned him the moniker "the Godfather of Techno." (Kevin Lee)

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## MUSIC

### "A Tribute to Utah Phillips"

It sucks when you hear that someone with integrity has died. Not that you should feel fine when some capitalist pig kicks it (or celebratory, like, say, when Jesse Helms or Jerry Falwell did). Still, losing an anti-Dark Side warrior is a one-two punch. Maybe I just have a thing for white-bearded, ponytailed, 73-year-old Wobblie, hobo, storytellin' folksingers. Not surprisingly, so do a bunch of political activist-y performers, among them Rebecca Riots, the Labor Chorus, and Darryl Cherney, who are all amassing to pay homage to Utah Phillips, the man who wrote "Moose Turd Pie." Proceeds benefit Nevada City's Hospitality House, the homeless shelter Phillips





started in 2004. R.I.P., Utah! **(Kat Renz)**

With Hali Hammer, Carol Denney, Elliot Kenin  
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## SATURDAY AUG. 2

### MUSIC

**Torche**  
Torche is exactly the kind of band that terrifies me: four mean-looking white dudes with some seriously gnarly facial hair, and the lead singer sporting long brown hair and dressed in all black. Their songs have names like “Tarpit Carnivore” and “Rule the Beast,” and Wikipedia classifies their genre as “stoner/sludge/doom.” They are also from Florida, which is scary in its own right. But as my favorite feisty gal Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “I believe anyone can conquer fear by doing the things he fears to do.” So maybe I’ll see you in

the mosh pit — just please refrain from trying to grope me. **(Mojonnier)**

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### EVENT

**Chicharrones**  
It’s not easy to find a good neighborhood party in San Francisco. Impromptu kick-backs are sparse, Carnivale happens only once a year, and Pride has been pimped hardcore by big corporations. In a city where everybody’s on the pseudo-spiritual tip, genuine good energy can be hard to find. That’s where Chicharrones comes into play. Every first Saturday of the month at El Rio, this afternoon party features resident DJs Rumorosa and Carsonova spinning miba, boleros, lounge, reggaetón, and salsa. There’s also free food and drink specials. All proceeds go to help queer, trans, and questioning youths. **(Jamilah King)**



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### MUSIC

**Lucinda Williams and John Mellencamp**  
Saturday night at the Greek Theatre will make you feel good to be an American. And not in just the “Love my country, hate my government” way. I mean the *lovey* love way, as the wistful heartland anthems of John (no more “Cougar”) Mellencamp follow the country-laden rock of songwriting goddess Lucinda Williams, tough as the leather on weather-worn cowboy boots. Her guitar twang makes love to her moonshine-soaked rasp, like getting socked with a sackful of gravel — and wanting more ’cause it hurts so good. “Are you heavy enough to make me stay / I feel like I might blow away.” I only wish I’d known about Williams when me, Jack

D., and a broken heart were sittin’ in my trailer, windswept. **(Renz)**

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## SUNDAY AUG. 3

### EVENT

**BiergartenFest 2008**  
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program? Even if you didn’t know any of that, you’re probably not surprised. Germany is beer. BiergartenFest 2008 honors this hallowed heritage with a day of traditional brews, food, music, and dance for those who just can’t wait until Oktober. **(Ferguson)**

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### VISUAL ART

**“You’re Just No Fun Anymore: The Montage Art of Winston Smith”**  
Having mastered “cut and paste” when “open-apple X” and “open-apple V” were gibberish, artist Winston Smith may be the coolest collagist on the punk planet. I mean, imagine if you had piles of vintage magazines (maybe you do) — could you turn them in

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(1-3) Stills from Jacques Nolot’s *Before I Forget* (see “Gigolo Low”); (4) flyer image from Chicharrones (see Sat/2); (5) Utah Phillips (see Fri/1); (6) *Carnage* by Winston Smith (see Sun/3); (7) The Faint (see Mon/4); (8) Kronos Quartet plays “Music Without Borders” (see Thurs/31); (9) Joy Division is the featured subject at “Mad for Manchester” (see Wed/30); (10) Torche (see Sat/2); (11) Lucinda Williams (see Sat/2); (12) Xuefei Yang performs at the Guitar Foundation’s convention (see Tues/5); revelers at BiergartenFest (see Sun/3)

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Juan Atkins  
(left; see Fri/1);  
Larry Coryell  
(right; see Thurs/31)



PICKS CONT>>

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**MONDAY**  
**AUG. 4**

**MUSIC**

**The Faint**  
Created in 1995 under the name Norman Bailer, the Faint continues to play electro-riffed punk music with a dance-party sensibility. The Faint made its breakthrough in 2001 with *Danse Macabre* and followed up in 2004 with *Wet from Birth*, both on Saddle Creek records. Now the Omaha quintet has taken four years, a change in studio, and a switch in labels to come out with a new disc, *Fascinatiion*, on its own label, called Blank.wav. After the band posted songs online for a vote on a track to put on its MySpace page, the fans decided on "The Geeks Were Right," in which future male denizens "have thin white legs / They've got modified features and software braids / Cuz that's what the girls like." If only that were the case today. **(Lee)**

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**LOCAL ARTIST**

Lauren DiCioccio  
**TITLE** *Mount Rushmore: The Four Presidents* (hand embroidery on organza and pleather, 2008)

**THE STORY** "These embroideries are life-size sculptural re-creations of 35mm slides I have collected. I am drawn to slides as precious objects: the fragility of the translucent material and the intimacy of scale of a palm-size slide are particularly endearing. I hope to capture this tenderness in my sculptures. To make these little pieces, I embroider directly onto bridal organza, a delicate translucent material, and allow the excess threads to pour out the back and hang down the wall.

**BIO** DiCioccio's current work employs tedious handwork to investigate the beauty of commonplace mass-produced media objects (newspapers, magazines, office papers, writing pads, plastic bags, 35mm slides) in lamentation of their approaching obsolescence. She received a BA from Colgate University in 2002 and now lives in Woodside.

**SHOW** "Lauren DiCioccio, Aliza Lelah," through Aug. 16. 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon.–Sat., Jack Fischer Gallery, 49 Geary, Suite 440, SF. (415) 956-1178, [www.jackfischergallery.com](http://www.jackfischergallery.com)

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# music

Mop tops: the joys of housekeeping — tethered to lovely songcraft — arrive via Faun Fables (center), who perform at Café Du Nord along with prolific spitfire Bonfire Madigan (left), who has been cleaning up musically on stages such as ACT's *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*. Also out and making a ruckus this week: Titus Andronicus (top right) at the Hemlock Tavern and Conor Oberst, solo (bottom second from right), and NOMO (bottom right), both at Bottom of the Hill. Bottoms up!

FAUN FABLES PHOTO BY LARA MIRANDA; CONOR OBERST PHOTO BY AUTUMN DEWILDE; NOMO PHOTO BY DOUG COOMBE



## Home girl

By Kimberly Chun  
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**SONIC REDUCER** Of the many unsung, possibly fabulous, potentially limitless unexplored combos floating round in the ether — up there with the now-familiar chocolate and peanut butter or pizza flavoring and dog-biscuits-for-humanoids — has to be rock music and housework. Natch, Heloise would probably be in hell contemplating the crusty state of most band's vans or rehearsal spaces. Few jam it home-econo.

Leave it to Dawn McCarthy of Faun Fables — a Bay Area player who has been consistently reimagining old music and traditional folk with an often theatrical, punky sensibility — to rescue the most mundane of tasks, so far from the neggy decadence and glam hysterics of most rock and pop cliché-peddlers, and bring together music, hearth, and home on her new EP, *A Table Forgotten* (Drag City). Coproduced by Nurse with Wound's Matt Waldron, *Table* is a palate-tickling, four-track taste of Faun Fables' 2009 full-length — roving compactly from the Irish bodhran drum beat and “happy clinks” of spell-casting opener “With Words and Cake”

to the spine-tingling, fiddle-swept “Pictures” to the epic “Winter Sleep,” cowritten with Björk producer Valgeir Sigurdsson, whom McCarthy worked with on Bonnie “Prince” Billy's *The Letting Go* (Drag City, 2006).

The focus on home and family came in part from McCarthy's residency at Idyllwild Art Academy in the San Jacinto Mountains, where she began to develop some of these songs as part of a student musical theatrical production, although she's been meaning to undertake this ode to home work for a while. “I'm going to sound like an Amish woman or something,” she says with a chuckle by phone from Oakland. “But over the years I found a lot of solace and joy in doing household stuff. It's kind of one of those hidden arts. And I find that it's those little day-to-day things that make or break my happiness.”

McCarthy's family is expanding: she's pregnant and expecting her child around the time of year she herself was born, Oct. 30. “I have pregnancy brain,” she says after one inadvertently long pause. And her home is shifting: after living near the Oakland zoo for eight years in an old rustic cottage “that time forgot,” as she describes it, and more recently in an artists' warehouse near Jack London Square, she's hoping to move to Sonoma. In the meantime

she hopes to make edible saleables like vinegar pie for her Café Du Nord merch table. “The singing and performing and shows feel amazing,” she says. “I can tell the baby is happy with it.”

**FROM THE GUT** On the bill at Faun Fables' upcoming Du Nord show: über-productive bicoastal player Bonfire Madigan Shive, who also headlines at the Henry Miller Library Aug. 2. The activist-musician dazzled all and sundry who caught the recent American Conservatory Theater production of John Ford's *'Tis Pity She's A Whore* where she performed, suspended above the stage and outfitted in angel's wings, ripping alternately dulcet and dissonant unearthly sounds from her cello and thereby commenting on, counterpointing, or lamenting the gory, incestuous goings-on below.

“Now that it's wrapped, I'm proud and happy with what I created for that,” Shive says of her “duets for hair and gut,” as she dubbed the music she composed for *'Tis Pity*. “For me, it was a lot of surrender, getting out of the way of preconceived notions and focusing on the style and time and being a part of this world, to work on this text that's 400 years old, and how that world reflects this one.”

Up amid the sensuous lines of *'Tis Pity*'s almost futuristic disco-theque set, Shive told me — speaking in the ecstatic, enthusiastic streams of

an earthbound angel — she'd often study the audience's reactions from on high. “I would have moments when I'd zone in on a person and they'd realize, ‘I'm a part of this show.’”

Shive is likewise often pulled into others' shows: since we last spoke she's toured or played with the Good, the Bad, and the Queen; Laibach; Carla Bozulich and Silver Mt. Zion members; Kimya Dawson; and St. Vincent's Annie Clark. Somehow she's also found a moment to publish an essay in *Live Through This: On Creativity and Self-Destruction* (Seven Stories Press), and she's looking forward to self-releasing her next album, which includes contributions from Joan Jeanrenaud and Jolie Holland. Apparently it's just one fastball after another from the onetime member of the *Guardian* softball team.

“I've known Dawn [McCarthy] for a long time now,” Shive says. “When she moved from New York to the Bay Area, she came to my apartment and said, ‘I heard you're a yodeler. Yodel for me!’ Dawn's one of those kindred spirits. It's all about community and art.” **SFBG**

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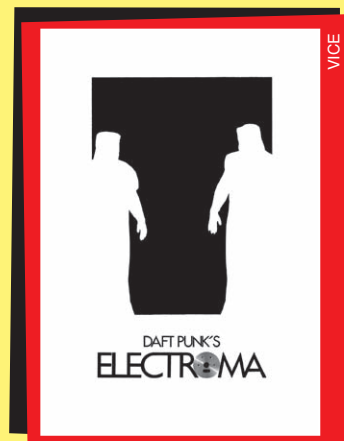
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MUSIC

## Dolly Parton

**» PREVIEW** That fact that Dolly Parton simply exists makes me happy. Of course, if the now-62-year-old lady from Locust Ridge, Tenn., didn't exist, it's likely she would have been invented by some lonesome trucker with a Venus of Willendorf complex — or by Merle Haggard. (Witness Redding's Cali-country legend crushing hard in 1981's *Sing Me Back Home* [Times Books]: "I didn't just fall in love with the image of Dolly Parton. Hell, I fell in love with that exceptional human being who lives underneath all that bunch of fluffy hair, fluttery eyelashes, and super-boobs.") The mythology is firmly in place: the dirt-poor upbringing as the fourth of 12 hungry mouths to feed in a broken-down, one-room cabin in Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains. There's the idea that despite the protestations of so many smitten suitors, including the Hag, Parton has remained wedded to Carl Dean, raising and playing "Aunty Granny" to younger siblings — and filling in as godmother to Miley Cyrus. Her accomplishments as a songwriter and vocalist almost seem like mere frosting next to the C&W tales and Tinseltown efforts, though numbers like "Coat of Many Colors" match many tunes in Haggard's catalog in their economy, storytelling, and resonance, while such cover turns as mentor Porter Wagoner's "Lonely Comin' Down" still possess an emotional power more than three decades along, thanks to Parton. And the moths still flutter toward her flame: Parton recently contributed vocals to a new song written for Jessica Simpson ("Guess you could say it's the 'blonde leading the blonde,'" Parton has quipped, and a *9 to 5* musical, for which Parton wrote the music and lyrics, premieres in Los Angeles Sept. 20. Word has it that back problems kept the Tennessee Mountain thrush from South By Southwest this year, but one can only hope her recent, wildly successful European tour supporting *Backwoods Barbie*, her first self-released long-player, will smooth the way to the Greek's stage. So say hello. **(Kimberly Chun)**

**DOLLY PARTON** Tues/5, 8 p.m., \$39.50–\$125. Greek Theatre, UC Berkeley, Hearst and Gayley, Berk. (510) 809-0100, [www.apeconcerts.com](http://www.apeconcerts.com)

Music listings are compiled by Duncan Scott Davidson. The music interns are Ian Ferguson, Laura Mojonner, and Kat Renz. Since club life is unpredictable, it's a good idea to call ahead to confirm bookings and hours. Prices are listed when provided to us. See Picks, page 126, for information on how to submit an item to listings.

## WEDNESDAY 30

### ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

**Big Mo** Biscuits and Blues, 8 and 10pm, \$15.

**Bloc Party, Does It Offend You, Yeah?** Fillmore, 9pm, \$27.50.

**Pinkie Varner and the Morningwood Blues** Boom Boom Room, 9:30pm, \$5.

**Sarees, Bow Ribbons, Meridians** Hemlock Tavern, 9:30pm, \$6.

**Sour Vein, Slough Feg, Black Cobra, Walken** Annie's Social Club, 9pm, \$8.

**Subways, Bruises** Bottom of the Hill, 10:30pm, \$12.

**Trevor Childs and the Beholders, Guverment, Stefan Grant, Valerie Orth, Clay Bell** Red Devil Lounge, 8pm, \$10.

**El Vez, Lysa Flores** Slim's, 9pm, \$19.

### BAY AREA

**Eldridge "Big Cat" Tolefree** Oakland City Center, 12th St at Broadway, Oakl; [www.oak-](http://www.oak-)

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JAZZ/NEW MUSIC

» **Wil Blades** Jazz at Pearl's. 8pm, \$15; 10pm, \$10.  
**Gini Wilson Trio** Shanghai 1930. 7pm, free.

**BAY AREA**  
**Christopher Almada Group** Anna's Jazz Island. 8pm, \$8.  
**Flowtilla** Jupiter. 8pm, free.

FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

» **Eef Barzelay, Odessa Chan** Café Du Nord. 8pm, \$14.  
**Clay Hawkins** Plough and Stars. 9pm, free.  
**Sean Colvin** Yoshi's SF. 8pm, \$30.

**BAY AREA**  
**Karabali** Shattuck Down Low. 8:30pm, \$5-10.  
» **Hugh Masekela** Yoshi's. 8 and 10pm, \$22.

DANCE CLUBS

**Bondage Playspace** Glas Kat. 9:30pm-2:30am, \$5-7. Death disco, drtty pop, and go-go dancers.  
» **Booty Call** The BAR, 456 Castro; 626-7220. 9pm-2am, \$1. Juanita More brings you rotating disco DJs and fab fags, drags, fems, and daddies.  
» **Cataracs Dance Party** Rickshaw Stop. 9pm, \$12. Berkeley's fave boy band duo, the Cataracs, run the show tonight.  
**Cat's Corner Swing Party** Savanna Jazz. 6:30pm-1:30am, \$8. Dance lessons and live swing bands.  
**Club Shutter** Elbo Room. 9pm-2am, \$5. DJs Nako, Omar, and Justin goth out all over your sunny day.  
**Coo-Yah** Bruno's. 9pm-2am, free. Dancehall and reggae with DJs Green B and Daneekah.  
**Qool** 111 Minna Gallery. 5-10pm, \$5. Pan-techno lounge with DJs Spesh, Gil, Hyper D, and Jondi.  
**Midweek Hip-Hop Escape** Madrone Lounge. 9pm-2am, free. True Justice spins break beats, plus a live set by Triple Ave.  
**Midweek Syndrome** Ana Mandara, Ghirardelli Square, 891 Beach; 771-6800. 10pm-2am, free. DJs Trevor Simpson, Dex Stakker, and Dev E. spin hot house jams for your happy humpday.  
» **RedWine Social** Dalva. 10pm-2am, free. DJ TophOne and guests spin jazz breaks, '80s, and electro.  
**Satellite** Anú, 43 Sixth St; 543-3505, www.anu-bar.com. 9pm-2am, free. House and techno.  
**Stay Gold** Make-Out Room. 10:30pm, \$3. Queer dance night.

THURSDAY 31

ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

**Anna Oxygen, Emily Lacy** Hemlock Tavern. 6pm, \$6.  
**Big Light, Charles Gonzalez and the Stereo Glitter** 12 Galaxies. 9pm, \$8.  
» **Buffalo Killers, Sermon** Hemlock Tavern. 10pm, \$6.  
» **Calavera Conspiracy, Dillenger Escape Plan, Throwdown, Bury Your Dead, Incite** Fillmore. 8pm, \$35.  
**Cervantes, Solar Powered People, Touch Committee, Heathrow** Red Devil Lounge. 8pm, \$8.  
**Dead Westerns** Simple Pleasures Café. 8pm, free.  
» **Faun Fables, Bonfire Madigan** Café Du Nord. 9pm, \$12.  
**Germane and the Bash Brothers** Boom Boom Room. 9:30pm, \$7.  
**Hangmen, Switchblade Riot, Hobilly MF, Peckerwood Slim** Annie's Social Club. 9pm, \$8.  
**Metro Sonic** Bruno's. 10pm, \$5.  
**J.T. Ross** Biscuits and Blues, 8 and 10pm, \$15.  
**Sequencer, Luke Janella, Round Mountain** Amnesia. 9pm, \$7.



The Lumerians

» **PREVIEW** The Lumerians have landed, and with frequent local gigs and one EP under their belt, the band is poised for maximum impact on the Bay Area psych scene. Take a listen to the group's self-titled recent disc on the Subterranean Elephants imprint: there, they've produced five great tracks of hypnotic rhythms warmed up by droning keyboards and weirded out by synthesized noise squiggles.

"Corkscrew Trepanation" drills your brain with its kick- and bass-drum stomp, and layers organ on top of keyboards to cool hypnotic effect. Other tracks slow a bit but then take off into space via those eerie, vacillating synths. "Orgon Grinder" shines a light on a warm and dreamy female vocal that boosts the song into memorable melody territory. Most numbers stretch out for five to seven minutes, propelling this ensemble into the now-crowded electronic and prog-rock family tree that's home to a certain cluster of oft-referenced German bands. The upside of that propensity for lengthy jams: *Lumerians* takes the listener on an extended trip into deep headspace. **(Lauren Giniger)**

**THE LUMERIANS** With Darker My Love and Eulogies. Tues/5, 9 p.m., \$9.99.

Independent, 628 Divisadero, SF. (415) 771-1421, www.independentsf.com

» **Thao with the Get Down Stay Down, Horse Feathers** Independent. 8pm, \$15.  
**Vin Rouge, Sundance Kids, My Revolver** Rickshaw Stop. 8pm, \$10.

**BAY AREA**  
**Hey Three Eyes, Battlehooch, Future Islands, Ear Pwr** Fort Gallery, 3421 Hollis, Oakl; www.myspace.com/fortgallery. 8pm, \$5.  
**Jake Blackshear Quartet, Bridge Crawl, Settledown** Starry Plough. 9pm, \$7.

JAZZ/NEW MUSIC

**Le Jazz Hot** Yerba Buena Gardens, 760 Howard; www.ybgf.org. 12:30pm, free.  
**John Kallen Group** Shanghai 1930. 7pm, free.  
**Savanna Jazz Trio** Savanna Jazz. 7:30pm, \$5.  
**Sonya Holland Jazz Duo** Café Divine, 1600 Stockton; 986-3414. 7pm, free.  
**Sylvia Cuenca Group** Jazz at Pearl's. 8pm, \$15; 10pm, \$10.  
» **Trio Garufa** Café Claude. 7:30pm, free.

**BAY AREA**  
**Richard Baskin Group** Anna's Jazz Island. 8pm, \$10.

» **Dorado Schmitt, Larry Coryell** Yoshi's. 8pm, \$22; 10pm, \$14. "Django Festival." Through Sun/3.

FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

"Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Jam" Atlas Café. 8pm, free.

» **BrazilBeat Sound System, DJ Vanka** Pink. 10pm, \$10-15.  
**Hugh Masekela** Yoshi's SF. 8 and 10pm, \$24. Through Sun/3.  
**Barry O'Connell, Vinnie Cronin** Plough and Stars. 9pm, free.  
**Sundowner, Mike Park, Mike Hale** Bottom of the Hill. 9pm, \$8.

**BAY AREA**  
**Biscuit Burners** Freight and Salvage Coffee House. 8pm, \$19.50.  
**Saul Kaye** La Peña Cultural Center. 8pm, \$10.  
**Sean Hodge and High Heat** Ashkenaz. 8:30pm, \$5.

DANCE CLUBS

» **Afrolicious** Elbo Room. 10pm-2am, \$5. DJs Pleasuremaker and Señor Oz and special guests Wiseacre and EC spin Afrobeat, Tropicália, electro, samba, and funk.  
**BrazilLive** El Rio. 9pm, \$8. DJs play Brazilian dance music, plus live bands.  
**Compression** Temple, 540 Howard; www.temple-sf.com. 10pm, \$5. DJs 2Cents, Sharp, and the Colonel MC, the rest of the Compression crew, and guests spin dirty, debauched club jams.  
» **Favela Funk SF** Madrone Lounge. 9pm-2am, free. Brazilian funk and samba with DJs Goosh and Zezinho Da Rocinha.  
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**Popscene** 330 Ritch. 10pm, \$10. Britpop, indie, new wave, mod, electronic, and '60s soul with Aaron Axelsen, Disco Shawn, and Nako.  
**» Solid Gold Duplex.** 10pm-2am, free. DJs Deedot, ShredONE, and guests spin '70s, '80s, '90s, and future soul.  
**Tube Steak Connection** Aunt Charlie's Lounge, 133 Turk; www.auntcharlieslounge.com. 10pm-2am, \$3. A gay dance club featuring

Eurodisco, electrofunk, and more with DJ Bus Station John.

## FRIDAY 1

### ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

» **English Beat, Alarm** Fillmore. 9pm, \$31.50.  
**Sonny Landreth, Shana Morrison** Great American Music Hall. 9pm, \$20.  
**» Manic Hispanic, White Barons, the Crime** Slim's. 9pm, \$13.  
**Minipop, Sholi, Voxhaul Broadcast** Independent. 9pm, \$14.  
**Montana Slim, David Gans, Darkstar Dan 12** Galaxies. 9pm, \$12.

» **La Plebe, Lowdowns, Get Dead** Annie's Social Club. 9pm, \$8.  
**Rubbersidedown, Miggs** Café Du Nord. 9pm, \$10.  
**» Saros, Velnias, Exhausted Prayer** Hemlock Tavern. 9:30pm, \$8.  
**Super Diamond, Stung** Bimbo's 365 Club. 9pm, \$22. Also Sat/2.  
**Young Has Beens, Francesca Lee and the New Believers, Fujiko-Chan** Broadway Studios. 8pm, \$15.

### BAY AREA

» **Fucking Buckaroos, Slick 46, Harrington Saints, Leif Erickson** 924 Gilman. 8pm, \$5.  
**Megamoog, Super Cutes** Uptown. 9pm, free.  
**Pat Nevins' Ragged Glory, Rowdy Kate** Starry Plough. 9:30pm, \$10.

### JAZZ/NEW MUSIC

**Hugh Masekela** Yoshi's SF. 8pm, \$30; 10pm, \$26. Through Sun/3.  
**Savanna Jazz Trio** Savanna Jazz. 8pm, \$5.  
**Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums** Biscuits and Blues, 8 and 10pm, \$20.

### BAY AREA

**Grace and Julian Jazzschool.** 8pm, \$10.  
**Grace Woods Trio** Anna's Jazz Island. 8pm, \$14.  
**» Dorado Schmitt, Larry Coryell** Yoshi's. 8pm, \$26; 10pm, \$18. "Django Festival." Through Sun/3.

### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

» **Kronos Quartet** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission; 978-ARTS. 8pm,


\$25-30. "Music Without Borders." Also Sat/2.

### BAY AREA

**Alfredo Naranjo y El Guajero** La Peña Cultural Center. 9pm, \$18.  
**Claudia Russell and the Folk Unlimited Orchestra** Freight and Salvage Coffee House. 8pm, \$19.50.  
**Geno Delafosse and the French Rocking Boogie Band** Just Dance Ballroom, 2500 Embarcadero, Oakl; (510) 436-9888. 9pm, \$18.  
**» Rebecca Riots, Labor Chorus, Darryl Cherney, Hali Hammer** Ashkenaz. 8pm, \$10. "Tribute to Utah Phillips."

### DANCE CLUBS

**Bass Nasty Breakdown II** Club Six. 9pm-3am, \$10. Dubstep, grime, glitch, and world beats



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**Cancun Club** Glas Kat. 10pm-3am. Salsa, merengue, reggaetón, bachata, rock en español, Latin pop, Mexican, hip-hop, R&B, and old-school with Tony O, Radio Activo, Chuy Gomez, DJ Mauricio, and Santiago.

**Club Loaded** Rickshaw Stop. 10pm-2am, \$7. Rock, electronica, and debauchery with DJ Audrock.

**Dirt!** Madrone Lounge. 9pm-2am, \$5. Morale, Kap10 Harris, and Shane King spin booty bass, electro, crunk, breaks, hyphy, rap, and more.

**Dmitri From Paris** Mezzanine. 10pm, \$22. No, seriously, he's from Paris. I'm impressed ... smelly cheese, hard bread, tall iron sculptures, depressing literature, *and a DJ?* Who says you

can't have it all?

**Loose Joints** Make-Out Room. DJ Tom Thump and guests bring you breaks, hip-hop, Latin, and Afrobeat.

**Mission Bombay** Bollywood Café, 3372 19th St.; 970-0362. 10pm-2am, \$5. DJs Vanka, Jimmy Love, Suresh, and Rajah spin Bhangra, Bollywood, and beyond.

**Nocturna** Anú, 43 Sixth St; 543-3505, www.anu-bar.com. 10pm-2am, free. Resident DJs TychoSean and Billa, plus special guests.

**Paris Dakar International** Baobab. 10pm, \$3. Reggae, dancehall, hip-hop, soul, and R&B with DJ Mpenzi.

**Strangelove** Cat Club. 9pm-3am, \$6. DJs Tomas Diablo and Melting Girl spin dark electro, industrial, new wave, and goth, mixing in a tribute to Depeche Mode.

**TITS** Transfer. 10pm-2am, \$4. Parker Day brings you this dirty, dirty club with drag

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## BAY AREA

**Flashback Fridays** Luka's Taproom and Lounge, 2221 Broadway, Oakl; (510) 451-4677. 10pm, \$5-10. Hip-hop and funk with the Oakland Faders, plus resident DJs Spair and Platur. **Testify!** Ruby Room. 10pm-2am, free. DJ Jarett Prayers spins electro, punk, Northern Soul, new wave, shoegaze, disco, electro, and rock and roll.

## SATURDAY 2

### ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

**Bored Stiff, Sonicbloom, Bay Area Banditz, TD Camp** Red Devil Lounge. 8pm, \$10.

**Boris, Torche, Lair of the Minotaur** Great American Music Hall. 9pm, \$17.

**Dan Band** Fillmore. 9pm, \$25.

**Estate** Boom Boom Room. 9:30pm, \$10.

**Evan Elroy, Smith Point, Bonafide** Café Du Nord. 9:30pm, \$10.

**Gentleman Slim's**. 9pm, \$26.

**Honorary Title, New Frontiers, Paper Rival, Mansions** 12 Galaxies. 9pm, \$15.

**Mark Hummel, Rusty Zinn** Biscuits and Blues, 8 and 10pm, \$20.

**Kottonmouth Kings, Tech N9ne, HED p.e., Sen Dog, Brother J** Grand Ballroom at Regency Center, 1290 Sutter; 421-TIXS. 7:30pm, \$35.

**MDC, PAWNS, Abrupt** El Rio. 10pm, \$7.

**Nerv, My Parade, Fun Blood** Parkside. 3pm, free.

**Super Diamond, Stung** Bimbo's 365 Club. 9pm, \$22.

## BAY AREA

**John Mellencamp, Lucinda Williams** Greek Theatre, Gayley Road at Stadium Rim Way, Berk; 421-TIXS. 7:30pm, \$39.50-99.50.

**Phenomenauts, Kepi Ghoulie Electric, Vic Ruggiero, Secretions** Ashkenaz. 9pm, \$10-12. **Portraits of Past, Yaphet Kotto, La Quiete, Phoenix Bodies, Comadre** 924 Gilman. 8pm, \$8.

**1/4 Mile Combo, Midnight Trio, Kit and the Branded Men** Uptown. 9pm, \$8. **Sammy Hagar and the Wabos, Scorpions** Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View; 421-TIXS. 5pm, \$20-69.50. "Bone Bash IX."

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FRI 8/1	<b>LATER - BUFFALO KILLERS</b> THE SERMON	10PM \$6
SAT 8/2	<b>SAROS</b> VELNIAS EXHAUSTED PRAYER (LA)	9:30PM \$8
SUN 8/3	<b>TARA JANE O'NEIL</b> PALMS (EX-FINCHES) KATY DAVIDSON (DEAR NORA)	9:30PM \$7
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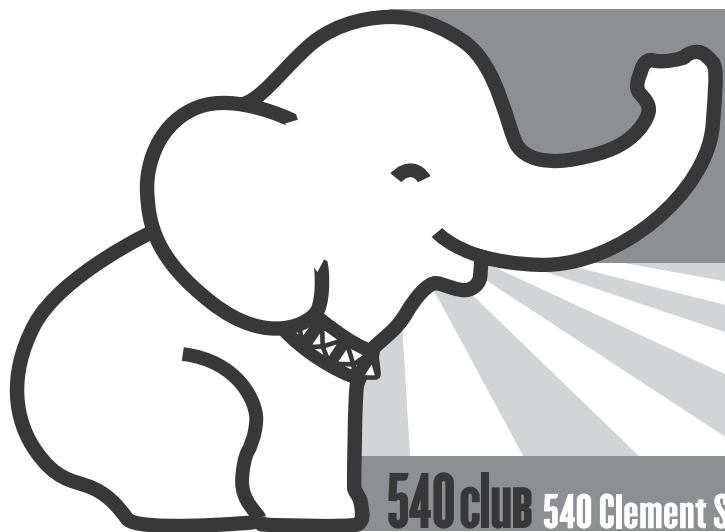
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**BAY AREA**  
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**Hugh Masekela** Yoshi's SF. 8 and 10pm, \$30. Through Sun/3.  
**Tara Jane O'Neil, Palms, Katy Davidson** Hemlock Tavern. 9:30pm, \$7.

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**Paris-Dakar Celebration** Little Baobab, 3388 19th St; 643-3558. 10pm, \$3. African and French hip-hop with DJs Sogui and Edibe.  
» **Soul Slam 2: Michael Jackson vs. Prince** Mezzanine. 9pm-4am, \$15. DJ Spinna asks the age-old question: who would win in a street fight? Detroit vs. Minneapolis in a funky battle to the death.  
**El Superritmo** Make-Out Room. 10pm-2am, \$5. DJs Roger Mas and El Kool Kyle spin cumbia, dancehall, bomba, plena, and salsa.  
**Trans-Am** Eight. 9pm-2am, \$5. Queer punk party with live bands.  
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**BAY AREA**  
**Magic Milkcrates** Kingman's Lucky Lounge. 9pm-2am, free. Soulful organica meets electronica with DJ Flood.  
**Pop History 101** Ruby Room. 10pm-2am. Join professors Botello and Tolle for a crash course.  
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## SUNDAY 3

### ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

 **Film School, Veil Veil Vanish** Café Du Nord. 9pm, \$14.  
**Titus Andronicus, Hey Three Eyes, Neighborhood Stars** Hemlock Tavern. 9:30pm, \$8.

**BAY AREA**  
**Krum Bums, Verbal Abuse, Peligro Social, Pull Out, Gain to Lose** 924 Gilman. 4pm, \$8.

### JAZZ/NEW MUSIC

**Lloyd Gregory** Biscuits and Blues. 8 and 10pm, \$15.  
 **Nice Guy Trio** Café Royale, 800 Post; 641-6033. 6pm, free.  
**Tin Cup Serenade, Mirandaband, 8 Legged Monster** Make-Out Room. 7pm.

**BAY AREA**  
**Kaz George Quartet** Anna's Jazz Island. 8pm, \$10.  
**Michael Coleman-Nick Lyons Quartet** Jazzschool. 8pm, \$10.  
 **Dorado Schmitt, Larry Coryell** Yoshi's. 7pm, \$26; 9pm, \$16. "Django Festival."  
**Tamar Sella, Shynell Blanson** Jazzschool. 4:30pm, \$10.

### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

 **Bajofondo, Si-Se** Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Ave at Sloat; www.sterngrove.org. 2pm, free.  
**John Kirk and the All Right Boys, Whoreshoes** Parkside. 5pm, free.  
**Hugh Masekela** Yoshi's SF. 7 and 9pm, \$26.

**BAY AREA**  
**Avotcja, Modupue, Lady Bianca, La Familia Govea** La Peña Cultural Center. 7pm, \$10-20.  
**Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band, Regina Wells** Ashkenaz. 7pm, \$10.  
**Po' Girl** Freight and Salvage Coffee House. 8pm, \$19.50.

### DANCE CLUBS

**Club Havana** Jelly's. 4pm, \$10. Live salsa bands plus great Cuban BBQ.  
 **Dub Mission** Elbo Room. 9pm-2am, \$5.  
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**Salsa Sundays** El Rio. 3pm. Live salsa, plus free BBQ and dance lessons.  
**Sun-Daze** Double Dutch. 10pm-2am. Hip-hop and old-school with DJ B-Love.  
**Wake the Town** Madrone Lounge. 10pm-2am, free. Selectors Dukey, Revival Sound System, and special guests spin ska, rocksteady, and early reggae on vinyl.

## MONDAY 4

### ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

**Chris "Kid" Anderson** Biscuits and Blues. 8 and 10pm, \$15.  
**"Bay Rising Battle of the Bands"** Café Du Nord. 7:30pm, \$10.  
 **Faint Fillmore.** 9pm, \$25.  
 **Hush Sound, Cab, Steel Train, Morning Light** Slim's. 7:30pm, \$16.  
**Snobs, Thunder City, Bright Light Fever** Bottom of the Hill. 9pm, \$8.  
**Thunder, Cannons and Clouds** Elbo Room. 9pm, \$5.

### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

**Julian Marley and the Uprising Band, Blue King Brown** Independent. 9pm, \$20.



## DANCE CLUBS

**Black Gold** Koko Cocktails, 1060 Geary; 885-4788. 10pm-2am, free. Detroit soul, Motown, Big Easy R&B, and more, all on 45.  
**Block-Party** Double Dutch. 10pm-2am. Underground hip-hop and old-school. With DJ Veronica and special guest.

» **Club 99** Stud. 9pm-2am, \$3. Virginia Suicide hosts a decadent night of the grungiest '90s rock, hip-hop, and who-knows-what-all.

**Death Guild** Glas Kat. 9:30pm-2:30am, \$3-5. Children of the Twilight Guild present this dark dance club.

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**High Rolling Low Budget** Tunnel Top. 9:30pm, free. Acid jazz, rare grooves, nü jazz, and deep house with DJ Hofwegen and friends.

**94117** Madrone Lounge. 2pm-midnight, free. With board games, BYO food, videos, and movies, it's just like your living room, if your living room had a full bar.

» **Punk Rock Sideshow** Hemlock Tavern. 10pm-2am, free. Get punk'd by DJ Tragic and the Duchess of Hazard.

## TUESDAY 5

## ROCK/BLUES/HIP-HOP

**Darker My Love, Lumerians, Eulogies** Independent. 8pm, \$9.99.

» **Faint, Jaguar Love, Shy Child** Grand Ballroom at Regency Center, 1290 Sutter; 421-TIXS. 8pm, \$22.50.

**Fat Tuesday Band** Biscuits and Blues. 8 and 10pm, \$15.

**NOMO, Maus Haus, Battlehooch** Bottom of the Hill. 9pm, \$10.

**Singularity, United, Unko Atama, Blamshifters** Annie's Social Club. 9pm, free.

## BAY AREA

**"Bay Rising Battle of the Bands"** Uptown. 9pm, \$10.

## JAZZ/NEW MUSIC

**Jack Pollard Group** Shanghai 1930. 7pm, free.  
**Larry Vuckovich Jazz-Latin Quartet** Yoshi's SF. 8 and 10pm.

## BAY AREA

**"Singers' Open Mic with Ellen Hoffman"** Anna's Jazz Island. 8pm, \$5.

**Vince Lateano Trio and Jam Session** Savanna Jazz. 8pm, \$5.

## FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

**Delta Nove** Elbo Room. 9pm, \$7.

**Devine's Jug Band** Climate Theater, 285 Ninth St; www.musicboxseries.com. 8pm, \$7-15.

**UB40, Maxi Priest** Fillmore. 9pm, \$50.

## BAY AREA

**Creole Belles, Andrew Carriere** Ashkenaz. 8:30pm, \$10.

**"Freight Open Mic"** Freight and Salvage Coffee House. 8pm, \$5.50.

» **Dolly Parton** Greek Theatre, Gayley Road at Stadium Rim Way, Berk; 421-

TIXS. 8pm, \$39.50-125.

## DANCE CLUBS

**Argus Lounge** 9pm-1:30am, free. DJs Taypoleon and Mackiveli take you on a punk-tastic voyage.

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**VIEW** the exhibition *Chihuly at the de Young* – an exploration of the groundbreaking artwork of Dale Chihuly. From the *Mille Fiori* (a 56-foot garden of glass) to the *Saffron Tower* (a 30-foot neon sculpture), this exhibition challenges convention with a feast of bold color, dramatic forms and extraordinary composition.

**DANCE** to four-time Grammy nominee **John Santos** and his stellar quintet perform classic Latin Jazz.

**LISTEN** to the lecture “Diego Rivera Covarrubias, and the San Francisco Murals Tradition” by William Maynez, a mural historian at City College of San Francisco.

**CREATE** an animal amulet necklace inspired by the Covarrubias mural in the Art of the Americas gallery.



Dale Chihuly, *Black Basket*, 2008, photo by Scott Mitchell Leen.

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## VISUAL ART

### “Tela Araña Tela”

**» REVIEW** Some early Bay Area figurative painting, wrote Peter Selz in 2002, encountered “the human figure by means of the physicality and the gestural performance of abstract expressionism.” More explicit figures later emerged from this abstract cauldron. Ana Teresa Fernández, however, would rather start with the explicit body and work backward. Fernández, who grew up in Mexico, isn’t a figurative painter, performance artist, videographer, feminist, or Latina artist — although she assumes all of these roles from time to time. The best work at her 2008 Headlands Center for the Arts Tournesol Award exhibition, “Tela Araña Tela” (a mirroring of the Spanish for spider web), is so powerful, the movements in her work so difficult to look away from, that she acts as a detective, an intuitive investigator of the emotions embedded in human muscle tone and media complacency — an exposé of the skin-tight, commonplace untruths of so-called manual labor.

By meticulously documenting stills from her own performance work — which uncovers, overstimulates, and ironically decapitates familiar images of femininity and the female worker — Fernández manages to blend forcefulness and stillness into her brand of revelation. The two large, untitled paintings depicting her body in muscular heels, beset — I don’t know how else to say it — by laundry on a clothesline, show no human face. The face has been smothered, disappearing into a wavering white sheet. The even larger painting shown here between those two, *Untitled*, a documentation of Jennifer Locke’s 2007 Artists’ Television Access performance in which she covered her body in glue, reveals a lattice or an amorphous web around Locke’s face, making it hard to tell if it’s the skin or the glue that’s melting. The works on paper displayed here — also performance documentations — lack the forcefulness of the paintings. But don’t miss the video installation, where balloons are popped like they’ve never been popped before. **(Ari Messer)**

**TELA ARAÑA TELA** Through Aug. 9. Wed.–Sat., noon–5 p.m., and by

appointment. Luggage Store Gallery, 1007 Market, SF. (415) 255-5971,

[www.luggagestoregallery.org](http://www.luggagestoregallery.org)

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## MUSEUMS

**Cartoon Art Museum** 655 Mission; CAR-TOON. Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. \$6, \$4 students and seniors, \$2 for ages 6 to 12, free for five and under and members. “**From Richie Rich to Wendy the Witch: The Art of Harvey Comics.**” Original art from Harvey Comics, including Casper, Hot Stuff, Sad Sack, and Little Dot (reception Fri/1, 7-9pm). Through Nov 30.

**De Young Museum** Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive (near Fulton and 10th Ave); 750-3600. Tues-Sun, 9:30am-5:15pm (Fri, 9:30am-8:45pm). \$10, \$7 seniors, \$6 for ages 13 to 17 and college students with ID (free first Tues). “**Chihuly.**” Glass works by Dale Chihuly. Through Sept 28. “**The Fauna and Flora of the Pacific.**” Mural by Miguel Covarrubias (lecture Fri/1, 7pm). Ongoing exhibition begins Aug 1.

**Museum of Craft and Folk Art** 51 Yerba Buena Lane; 227-4888, [www.mocfa.org](http://www.mocfa.org). Tues-Fri, 11am-6pm; Sat-Sun, 11am-5pm. \$4-5. “**American Symbols: From Lady Liberty to the Stars and Stripes.**” Examination of iconographic symbols in American folk art. Through Sun/3.

**San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** 151 Third St; 357-4000. Mon-Tues, Fri-Sun, 11am-5:45pm; Thurs, 10am-8:45pm. \$12.50, \$8 seniors, \$7 students, free for members and 12 and under (free first Tues; half price Thurs, 6-8:45pm). “**The Art of Lee Miller.**” Career retrospective of photographs. Through Sept 14. “**Frida Kahlo.**” Exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the artist’s birth. Through Sept 28.

**Yerba Buena Center for the Arts** 701 Mission;



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978-ARTS. Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, noon-5pm; Thurs, noon-8pm. \$6, \$3 seniors, students, and youths, free for members (free first Tues). “**Ground Scores: Guided Tours of San Francisco Past and Personal.**” Interactive project offering tours and self-guided explorations of sites in and around San Francisco. Through Oct 18. “**Bay Area Now 5.**” Yerba Buena’s fifth triennial devoted to local artists including Ala Ebtekar, John Roloff, and Canan Tolon. Through Nov 16.

## GALLERIES

### OPENING

**Academy of Art University Galleries** 601 Brannan; 1-800-544-ARTS. Daily, 10am-6pm. “2008 Annual Spring Show,” group show. Through Fri/1. 79 New Montgomery; [www.academy-art.edu](http://www.academy-art.edu). Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. “Pastiche,” group show. Through Thurs/31. Alumni and graduate student show (reception Aug 7, 5:30-7:30pm). Aug 2-27. 625 Sutter; 274-2229. Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm. Group show of student artwork (reception Aug 7, 5:30-7:30pm). Aug 1-28.

**American Institute of Architects SF Gallery** 130 Sutter, suite 600; 362-7397. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. “Urban Re:Interventions,” group design and architecture show. Aug 4-Oct 26.

**» Andrea Schwartz Gallery** 525 Second St; 495-2090. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 1-5pm. “Channel Surfing,” paintings by John Bonick (reception Wed/30, 5:30-7:30pm). July 30-Aug 29. **Braunstein/Quay Gallery** 430 Clementina; 278-9850. Tues-Sat, 11am-5:30pm. “Transparencies,” group fiber arts show (reception Sat/2, 3-5pm). July 31-Aug 30.

**» Climate Theatre/Gallery NINE** 285 Ninth St; [www.climatetheater.com](http://www.climatetheater.com). “Peepshow: A LIVE Photography Happening,” Shiloh Burton will photograph live nude models for a forthcoming instal-

lation. Sun/3, 6-10pm; \$3-5. One night only. **Crissey Field Promenade** Mason, the Presidio; [www.coolglobes.com](http://www.coolglobes.com). “Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet,” 40 oversized globes showcasing ideas to combat global warming (reception Tues/5, 10:30am). Aug 5-Oct 13.

**Femina Potens Gallery** 2199 Market; 217-9340, [www.feminapotens.com](http://www.feminapotens.com). Thurs-Sun, noon-6pm. “Twisted Elements,” sculptures by Susan Latta and Joni Younkins-Herzog (reception Sat/2, 7pm). Aug 2-31.

**Gallery 94124** 3900B Third St; 240-2202. Wed-Sat, noon-7pm; Sun, 1-5pm. “Sixth Annual Altered Barbie Exhibition,” group show of works using recycled Barbie and Ken dolls (reception Aug 8, 5-9pm). Aug 1-17.

**» Glama-Rama!** 417 S Van Ness; 861-4526, [www.glamarama.com](http://www.glamarama.com). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm. “You’re Just No Fun Anymore,” montage art by Winston Smith (reception Sun/3, 7-10pm). Aug 3-Sept 6.

**Hang Art** 556 Sutter; 434-4264. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm. “Better Days Ahead,” paintings by Michael Shankman (reception Aug 7, 6-8pm). Aug 1-31.

**Hang Art Annex** 567 Sutter; 544-0610. Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm; and by appt. “White Van Professionals,” group show (reception Aug 7, 6-8pm). Aug 1-31.

**John Pence Gallery** 750 Post; 441-1138. Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; and by appt. “Summer in San Francisco,” group show. July 31-Aug 30.

**Mark Wolfe Contemporary Art** 49 Geary, suite 200; 369-9404. Tues-Fri, 10am-5:30pm; Sat, 11am-5pm. “Welcome,” works by Ryan Martin. Through Thurs/31. “Summer Group Exhibition,” works by gallery artists (reception Aug 7, 5:30-7:30pm). Aug 5-30.

**» Needles and Pens** 3253 16th St; 255-1534, [www.needles-pens.com](http://www.needles-pens.com). Daily, noon-7pm. “Hardland/Heartland: Us Doves,” works by Aaron Anderson, Eric Carlson, and Crystal Quinn. Through Thurs/31. “Cackle Cackle Rackle,” works by Tara Jane O’Neil and Vanessa Renwick (reception Fri/1, 6-9). Aug 1-Sept 1.

**Swell Gallery** San Francisco Art Institute, SFAI Graduate Student Center, 2565 Third St; 641-1241. Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm. “Dualities,” group show (reception Sat/2, 3-5pm). Aug 1-6.

**Thacher Gallery** University of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton; 422-2660. Mon-Fri, noon-5:30pm. “Night Blooming,” sculptures by Ann Weber (reception Sept 4, 4-6pm). Aug 4-Oct 5.

### BAY AREA

**ABCo Artspace** 3135 Filbert, Oakl; 948-7878, [www.abcoartspace.com](http://www.abcoartspace.com). “Waterproof,” group show of the gallery’s eight artists-in-residence (reception Fri/1, 6-11pm). Aug 1-30.

**California Closets** 610A DuBois, San Rafael; 258-4444. Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 10am-5pm. “My Journey with Abstract Art,” works by Marge Rector (reception Aug 7, 6-9pm). Aug 2-Sept 27.

**C’Era Una Volta** 1332 Park, Alameda; (510) 769-4828. Call for hours. “Summertime Visions,” paintings by Toby Tover-Krein. Through Sept 23.

**Chandra Cerrito Contemporary** 25 Grand, upper level, Oakl; 577-7537. Fri-Sat, 11am-2pm; and by appt. “Present Tension,” works by Jerry Carniglia, Judith Foonsaner, and Ann Weber (reception Fri/1, 6-9pm). Through Aug 30.

**» A Different Day Gallery** 1233 Solano, Albany; (510) 868-4904. Fri, 3-7pm; Sat-Sun, 11am-6pm; and by appt. “Through Immigrant Eyes,” works by Siddhartha Deb, J.J. Jose, and Michael Sacramento (reception Sun/3, 3-6pm). Aug 3-31.

**Gallery Route One** 11101 Hwy 1, Pt Reyes Station; 663-1347. Mon, Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm. “The Box Show Turns 10!”, group show featuring works by 150 artists who begin their projects with an identical wood box (reception Aug 2, 3-5pm; closing party and auction, Sept 14, 2-3pm). Aug 3-Sept 14.

**Gatehouse Gallery** Di Rosa Preserve: Art and Nature, 5200 Carneros Hwy 121, Napa; (707) 226-5991. Tues-Fri, 9:30am-3pm. “There! New Art from Oakland,” group show (reception Aug 1, 6-8pm; panel discussion Aug 21, 7pm). Aug 1-Sept 20.

**K Gallery** Rhythmix Cultural Works, 2513 Blanding, Alameda; (510) 845-5060. Mon-Thurs, 6-9pm; Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm. “Cross Currents: Artists of Alameda County,” juried group show (reception Aug 1, 6-8pm; artists’ talk, Aug 22, 6-8pm). Aug 1-31.

**» Lucky Ju Ju Pinball Art Gallery** 713 E Santa Clara, Alameda; [www.ujuju.com](http://www.ujuju.com). Daily, 9am-9pm. “Toy Camera Dreams,” photographs by Robert Holmgren and Joe Reifer (reception Fri/1, 7-10pm). Aug 1-Sept 3.

**Mercury 20 Gallery** 25 Grand, Oakl; (510) 866-8808. Fri-Sat, noon-3pm; and by appt. “Accordion Dreams,” paintings by Julie Alvarado; “Slipping (Into Something),” paintings by Kathleen King



(reception Fri/1, 6-9pm). Aug 1-30.

**NoneSuch Space** 2865 Broadway, second floor, Oakl; (510) 625-1600. Wed-Sat, 1-6pm. “Toasting the End of Capitalism,” collages and photographs by Maria Gilardin (reception Fri/1, 6-10pm). Through Aug 23.

**Photolab** 2235 Fifth St, Berk; (510) 644-1400. Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 10:30am-2:30pm. “Dreams in Metaphor,” black-and-white photographs by Moja Ma’at (reception Aug 9, 6-8pm). Through Aug 30.

**San Pablo Arts Gallery** San Pablo Civic Center, 18381 San Pablo, San Pablo; (510) 836-2663. Sat-Sun, noon-4pm. “3 2 C Now,” paintings by Karen Chin, Betty Nobue Kano, and Byron Spicer (reception Sat/2, 1-3pm). Aug 2-Sept 28.

**Swarm Gallery** 560 Second St, Oakl; www.swarmstudios.net. Tues-Sun, noon-6pm; and by appt. “The Sum of its Parts,” group show of gallery artists; “My Closet in a Plain Brown Rapper,” installation by Terry Furry (reception Fri/1, 6-8pm). Aug 1-31.

## ONGOING

**A.Muse Gallery** 614 Alabama; 279-6281. By appt. “Elections: Summer Print Selections,” group show. Through Fri/1.

**Bay Area Video Coalition** 2727 Mariposa, second floor; 861-3282. Daily, 10am-5pm. “ROHSTOFF [raw material],” second installment in the series featuring video installations by Rebeca Bollinger, Nate Boyce, Anthony Disenza, Brook Hinton, Sade Huron, and Laura Splan. Through Thurs/31. **Frey Norris Gallery** 456 Geary; 346-7812. Tues-Sat, 11am-7pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. “Windows on Nature,” photo-sculptures by Koh Myung Keun. Through Sun/3.

**Gallery 415** 49 Geary, fourth floor; 398-2158. Tues-Sat, 11am-5:30pm. “Absence - Presence,” works by Silvia Poloto. Through Thurs/31.

**Hospitality House Gallery** 146 Leavenworth; 749-2132. Mon, Wed, and Fri, 1-6pm. Works by Estaban Diaz, Harvey Rushing, and Wilton Woods. Through Thurs/31.

**Istituto Italiano di Cultura** 425 Washington; 788-7142. Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. “A Comparison of Landscapes,” photographs by Franco Fontana. Through Sept 26.

**The Lab** 2948 16th St; 864-8855. Wed-Sat, 1-6pm. Works by Mariah Johnson. Through Sat/2.

**Little Tree Gallery** 3412 22nd St; 643-4929, www.littletreegallery.com. Thurs, 3-8pm; Fri-Sat, noon-8pm; Sun, noon-6pm. “Inside of,” works by Sehwon Min. Through Sat/2.

**Magnet** 4122 18th St; www.magnetsf.org. Tues, 11am-6pm; Wed-Fri, 2-9pm; Sat, 11am-6pm. “BLUSH: Wall to Wall,” paintings and ceramic plates by Virginia Trembles. Through Thurs/31.

**Market Street Gallery** 1554 Market; 290-1441. Tues-Wed, Fri-Sat, noon-6pm; Thurs, noon-8pm; Sun, noon-5pm. “The Dreaming Memory,” mixed-media assemblages and photographs by Stacey Carter, John Fitzsimmons, Kat Flynn, and Deborah Hayner. Through Thurs/31.

**Mina Dresden** 312 Valencia; 863-8312. Tues-Sat, 5-8pm; and by appt. “Women in INK,” group print-making show. Through Thurs/31.

**111 Minna Gallery** 111 Minna; 974-1719. Mon, Sat-Sun, by appt; Tues-Fri, noon-5pm. “Full Custom Living: The Art of Garage Magazine,” works by Shawn Barber, Boogie, Jenny Lens, Estevan Oriol, The Pizz, and others, Through Fri/1.

**Oxenrose Salon** 448 Grove; 252-9723. Mon-Fri, 11am-8pm; Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, noon-7pm. New works by Daniel Newman. Through Thurs/31.

**Ratio 3** 1447 Stevenson; 821-3371. Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm. “Kiki: The Proof Is in the Pudding,” retrospective of the 1990s SF gallery Kiki. Through Sat/2.

**Reaves Gallery** 235 Gough; 250-3201. Thurs-Sat, noon-7pm; Sun, noon-5pm; and by appt. “Better than Beautiful,” new works by Phillip Dvorak. Through Sun/3.

**Sweet Inspirations** 2239 Market; 621-8664. Sun-Thurs, 7am-11:30pm; Fri-Sat, 7am-12:30am. “Paint (+) Melody,” paintings by Wayne Jiang. Through Sat/2.

**Teen Center** San Francisco Public Library, Main Library, 100 Larkin, third floor; 557-4400. Mon, Sat, 10am-6pm; Tues-Thurs, 9am-8pm; Fri, noon-6pm; Sun, noon-5pm. “You Must Be Mistaken: Photographs by First Exposures,” works by members of the mentoring program for low-income youth. Through Thurs/31.

**Visual Aid** 116 New Montgomery, suite 640; 777-8242. “Lost and Found,” collaged paintings by Gregg Cassin. Through Fri/1.

**White Walls** 835 Larkin; 931-1500, www.whitewallssf.com. Tues-Sat, noon-7pm. Works by Adam 5100 and Michael Genovese. Through Sat/2. **SFBG**

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## THEATER

### OPENING

**Kelly McCubbin’s Golden Hour of Radio** Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy; 674-3847, www.theexit.org, www.brownpapertickets.com. \$15. Opens Fri/1, 8pm. Runs Fri-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 9. The creator of the Uke-y Stardust and other ukulele performances puts on a live science fiction radio show with his oddball friends.

**Tenth Annual Stories High 2008 Showcase** Off-Market Theater, 965 Mission; www.bindlestiff-studio.org. \$10-15 sliding scale. Opens Thurs/31, 8pm. Runs Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 16. Bindlestiff Studio, an arts space for emerging Filipino American performers, presents short pieces by this year’s workshop participants.

### BAY AREA

**Ubu for President** John Hinkel Park, Southampton near Arlington, Berk; (510) 841-6500, www.shotgunplayers.org. Free. Opens Sat/2, 4pm. Runs Sat-Sun, 4pm. Additional show Sept 1, 4pm. Through Sept 14. Just in time for the election, Shotgun Players presents Josh Costello’s adaptation of Alfred Jarry’s *Ubu Roi*, an 1896 political satire about a greedy tyrant that incites the audience to throw rotten produce at evil.

### ONGOING

**Avant GardARAMA!** Exit on Taylor, 277 Taylor; www.theexit.org. \$15-30. Opens Thurs/24, 8pm. Runs Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 16. Cutting Ball stages short experimental works by American playwrights Eugenie Chan, Suzan-Lori Parks, and Gertrude Stein.

**American Joe** Marsh Studio Theatre, 1074 Valencia; 826-5750, 1-800-838-3006, www.themarsh.org. Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 15. \$15-35. Liza Raynal performs her solo show about her soldier brother and their conflict-prone relationship.

**A Bowl of Rose Leaves** Studio 300 Theatre, 442 Post, fifth floor; www.abowlrofroseleaves.com. \$19-23. Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 30. Fred Smith’s comedy looks back at modern art and artists.

**Brand New Me! Connie Champagne Sings the Dusty Springfield Songbook** New Conservatory Theatre Center, Theatre III, 25 Van Ness; 861-8972, www.nctcsf.org. \$18-28. Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2pm. Through Aug 10. With accompaniment from Joe Collins, Ms. Champagne brings her trademark voice to interpret songs popularized by Springfield.

**Cabaret** SF Playhouse, 533 Sutter; 677-9596, www.ticketweb.com. \$40-50. Thurs-Sat, 8pm (also Sat, 3pm). Through Sept 20. Bill English directs the musical centered on the denizens and performers of the Kit Kat Club in Weimar-era Berlin.

**The Drowsy Chaperone** Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market; 512-7770, www.shnsf.com. \$30-99. Tues-Sat, 8pm (also Wed and Sat, 2pm); Sun, 2pm. Through Aug 17. The Best of Broadway production of the 2006 multi-Tony winner harkens back to the golden age of musical comedy.

**Fool for Love** Actors Theatre of San Francisco, 855 Bush; 345-1287, www.actorstheatresf.org. \$20-30 (\$15 for previews, \$35 for opening). Thurs-Sat, 8pm (also Fri-Sat, 10pm). Through Sept 6. Sam Shepard’s torrid love story set the standard for many a lonely highway motel-room drama to come.

**Getting in on the Ground Floor and Staying There** Center for Sex and Culture, 1519 Mission; www.centerforsexandculture.org, www.brownpapertickets.com. \$12-14. Thurs/31-Sat/2, 8pm. See picks box.

**Last Voyage of the Omega** Stage Werx, 533 Sutter; 385-6296, www.knifebeatsfinger.com. \$12. Fri-Sat, 10pm. Through Aug 8. Cell phone users on Twitter help control the show in Sean Kelly’s sci-fi comedy about stranded space travelers.

**The Listener** Traveling Jewish Theatre, 470 Florida; www.crowdedfire.org, 433-1235. \$25. Thurs/31-Sat/2, 8pm; Sun/3, 5pm. Earth is a trash dump, long ago abandoned by human beings for parts extraterrestrial. No Pixar vision, Junk City (as the sculpted streets and dwellings of postapocalyptic debris are collectively known) is the darker, slightly creepier version you’d expect from the scathing word-drunk pen of New York

playwright Liz Duffy Adams, though without the same dramatic complexity or verbal dexterity as Adams’s earlier work *Dog Act*. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**Lorca Summer Festival** Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia; 515-0851, www.theintersection.org, www.pangstheater.com. \$12-25 sliding scale. Fri/1-Sat/2, 8pm. Pangs Theater Ensemble performs Spanish playwright Federico Garcia Lorca’s rural trilogy over three weekends beginning with *Blood Wedding*, followed by *Yerma* and *The House of Bernarda Alba*.

**Misery** Eureka Theatre, 215 Jackson; www.miserytheshow.com. \$25-30. Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 16. A novelist is at the mercy of his greatest fan when she rescues him from a car crash in this Stephen King drama.

**A New Brain: A Musical** Custom Stage, Off-Market Theaters, 965 Mission; 1-800-838-3006, www.custommade.org. \$20-30. Wed-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 9. The small but by now firmly established Custom Made Theatre Company tends to do well at the art of the no-budget musical. While CMTC’s latest isn’t quite the smart black-comic treat that last year’s *Assassins* was, the company applies nearly as much spirit and care to composer-lyricist William (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*) Finn’s sweetly fun if decidedly unheedy *A New Brain*. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**Oh My Godmother!** Zeum Theater, 221 Fourth St., 867-3911, 1-800-838-3006, www.ohmy-godmother.com. \$25-30 (\$20 for previews). Thurs-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 3pm. Through Aug 31. Eager performances, lively choreography, and some in-joke SF humor help give Ron Lytle’s 2005 “Cinderella-is-a-fella” musical comedy, set in the Castro, a reasonably smooth San Francisco landing. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**Pandora Experiment** Exit Stage Left, 156 Eddy; www.theexit.org. Fri-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 16. For the fourth time now writer-performer Christian Cagigal again appears at the Exit for an intimate evening of theater magic. Cagigal’s feats of prestidigitation and mind reading keep his audience riveted and actively engaged for two 45-minute acts, but his attempt to blend the interactive ceremonies of the traditional magic act with the full range of theatrical performance never quite coheres. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**Skittish** Stage Werx, 533 Sutter; (510) 787-2706, www.skittishcompany.com. \$15-20. Fri-Sat, 8pm. Through Aug 31. The Skittish Company presents an evening of six comedies for two actors.

**Tartuffe** Burriel Clay Theatre, 762 Fulton; 1-800-838-3006, www.african-americanshakes.org. \$20-25. Fri/1-Sat/2, 8pm; Sun/3, 3pm. The African American Shakespeare Company stages noted screenwriter Charles Edward Pogue’s adaptation of Molière’s domestic comedy.

**Theater of the Ridiculous Revival** Hypnodrome, 575 Tenth St.; 377-4202, 1-800-838-3006, www.thrillpeddlers.com. \$10-69. Wed, showtimes vary; Fri-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 3 and 6pm. Through Aug 16. Stage-blood champs the Thrillpeddlers present three high-camp programs in repertory. Director Russell Blackwood’s ever-game cast is uneven but has its brightest spots in the crucial places. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**Tea ’N Crisp** SF Playhouse, 533 Sutter; 677-9596. \$20-26. Sun, 2:30pm. Through Aug 31. Richard Louis James celebrates the life of Quentin Crisp with his solo show based on the gay British author’s writings and public quips.

**The W. Kamau Bell Curve** Shelton Theatre, 533 Sutter; brownpapertickets.com. \$20. Thurs, 8pm. Through July 31. (Also, Aug 2-10: Pro Arts, 550 Second St., Oakl.) In this 90-minute show, the longtime solo performer and half of the comedy duo Siskel and Negro breaks down the problems with PC terminology, while coming up with a few absurd ones of his own. With today’s headlines providing him new material, Bell constantly updates the show, optimizing it for multiple viewings. Along the way, Bell flows easily from biting to charming, pensive to goofy. (Giattina) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

**What You Will** American Conservatory Theater, 415 Geary; 749-2228, www.act-sf.org. \$29-85. Tues, 7pm; Wed-Sat, 8pm (also Sat, 3pm — except Aug 8, 6 and 9pm); Sun, 3 and 7pm. Additional matinee Aug 6, 2pm. Through Aug 9. Roger Rees, the 22-year veteran of the Royal Shakespeare Company, delivers a 90-minute hodgepodge of personal anecdote, theatrical lore, irreverent bardology, and deft scene work. (Avila) Read the full review at sfbg.com.

### BAY AREA

**Doubt, a Parable** Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Mountain View; (650) 903-6000, www.theatreworks.org. \$26-64. Tues-Wed, 7:30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm (also Sat, 2pm); Sun 2 and 7pm. Through Aug 10. Amidst the denouement of the Catholic Church, John Patrick



PHOTO OF BETH LISICK AND TARA JEPSEN BY AMY SULLIVAN

## Getting in on the Ground Floor and Staying There

**PREVIEW** I read those articles in *Vanity Fair* blathering on about a woman’s ability to be funny. First, Christopher Hitchens says women can be witty, but since they issue children, ours is a dignified, cerebral kind of humor. Unless we’re fat or gay. Then along comes Alessandra Stanley’s article, which fixates on how all the new funny ladies are smokin’ hot, and if you’re not, you won’t ever get on MTV, or something. Well, long before those stories, I saw Carole and Mitzi, a local female comedy duo who combine a powerful sexual magnetism with down-in-the-dirt, clit-tickling humor. So I find it shocking that the pair — who are hotsy-totsy (especially when naked), kinda gay, and possibly pregnant — still haven’t managed to get their big break on cable — not even local access, really. They are, of course, the alter egos of Beth Lisick and Tara Jepsen, two bizarrely funny bosom buds whose kindred spirit-ship dates back to their days on the 1999 Sister Spit tour, when their imaginations gave birth to the failed child pop stars Miriam and Helen. On her own, Lisick has penned a number of semi-autobiographical novels — among them *Everyone into the Pool* (William Morrow, 2005) — spent eight years keeping a weekly nightlife column for the *Chronicle* called “Buzz Town,” formed the sketch comedy group White Noise Radio Theatre, actually had a kid ... with her husband ... and started the popular Porchlight Storytelling series. Meanwhile Jepsen organized the long-running queer spoken word night, K’vetch, and teamed up with Jenny Hoysten of Erase Errata to form the issues-centric rock band, Lesbians. I know, it still hasn’t really quite sunk in how women can be funny, gorgeous, and not on TV. Go figure. And go see the show. **(Deborah Giattina)**

**GETTING IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND STAYING THERE** Center for Sex and

Culture, 1519 Mission, SF. Thurs/31–Sat/2, 8pm. \$12–\$14. (415) 255-1155,

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Shanley’s 2005 drama takes a look at what happens when suspicions of priest misconduct are called into question.

**The Matchmaker** Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck, Berk; (510) 649-5999, www.aeofberkeley.org. \$10-12. Fri-Sat, 8pm. Additional show Aug 14, 8pm. Through Aug 16. Actors Ensemble Berkeley take on the 1955 farce of Thornton Wilder, graduate of Berkeley High Class of 1915 and author of the Pulitzer Prize–winning play *Our Town*.

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**Midsummer/4** Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Berk; (510) 558-1381, www.centralworks.org. \$14-25 sliding scale. Thurs-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 5pm. Through Aug 24. Gary Graves and the Central Works crew mount their latest collaboratively written play, an escapist comedy inspired by the Bard.

**Red State** Willard Ho Chi Minh Park, Hillegass and Derby; 285-1717, www.sfmt.org. Free. Sat-Sun, 2pm. The San Francisco Mime Troupe’s latest political satire musical takes place in a small town on election day.

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(Also, Wed/30-Thurs/31: Shelton Theater, 533 Sutter, SF; Aug 16-24: JCC East Bay, 1414 Walnut, Berk.). See review under the San Francisco listing above.

## DANCE

**Jaun R. Freeman** Mary Sano Studio of Duncan Dancing, 245 Fifth, www.dakshinapali.org. \$10-17. Sat, 8pm. The dancer, choreographer, and teacher performs classical South Indian dance.

**ODC/Dance Summer Sampler** ODC Dance Commons, 351 Shotwell; 863-9834, www.odcdance.org. \$20. Tues-Wed, 6pm. ODC/Dance presents a sampling of works by KT Nelson and Brenda Way.

**Push Dance Company** Garage, 975 Howard; 975showard.com. \$10-20. Fri-Sat, 8pm. SAFEhouse presents two evenings of visually stunning dance, film, and gadgetry.

**RAWdance** CounterPULSE, 1310 Mission; www.rawdance.org. \$10-15 sliding scale. Thurs, 8pm. The company’s “Soft Return” features revamped favorites as well as selections from their new work.

### BAY AREA

**AlleyCamp** Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Telegraph and Bancroft, Berk; (510) 642-9988. Free. Thurs, 7pm. Students of the tuition-free summer program exhibit their work. **SFBG**



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Berkeley Rep produced the world premiere of *Passing Strange* (left, with Rebecca Naomi Jones, Chad Goodridge, de'Adre Aziza, and Daniel Breaker) for local audiences before sending the show to Broadway where it blew audiences and critics away. Eurydice, (below, with Charles Shaw Robinson and Maria Dizzia) also enjoyed its world premiere at Berkeley Rep before playing New York, where it landed on Time Magazine's annual top ten list.

## Belly Dance Fantasy Festival

**PREVIEW** Western culture's appropriation of belly dancing is just about as orientalist as it gets. From the casual exoticization of Eastern dancers in movies like *Road to Morocco* (1942), *Khartoum* (1966), and *From Russia with Love* (It's 1963 and Bond is chilling at a gypsy camp outside Istanbul, duh) to dance-off-the-pounds exercise classes in sub-urban gyms everywhere, the ancient art form has become yet another casualty of the melting pot.

But those looking for the real thing need not despair. This weekend the Middle Eastern dance ensembles Good Vibrations and Troupe Tareefa present the seventh annual Belly Dance Fantasy Festival, offering a week-end of dance performances centered around Arabic Raks Sharki, American fusion belly dance, flamenco gypsy, knife moves, old world folk, and more. Solo musicians and local bands will perform with native instruments during and between dance numbers.

For those looking to try their hand at belly dancing and Middle Eastern music, the festival features 11 workshops (check the Web site for discounted advance registration). Bay Area experts will instruct guests in all aspects of the culture past and present, including veil movements, drum solo techniques, dancing in 9/8 rhythm, modern fusion, and hip-hop inspired combinations. Those confident in their skills can even have their performances videotaped and made into a DVD. And after all that dancing and exposure to foreign cultures, festival-goers can soothe themselves with a time-tested American pastime: gorging on with authentic ethnic cuisine. **(Laura Mojonier)**



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Events listings are compiled by Duncan Scott Davidson. See Picks, page 126, for information on how to submit items to the listings.

### WEDNESDAY 30

**“Free Comrades: Anarchism and Homosexuality in the United States, 1895–1917”** GLBT Historical Society, 657 Mission, suite 300, SF; (415) 777-5455. 6-7:30pm, free. Yes, Virginia, there was anarchy before the Sex Pistols. Why not come on down and hear author Terence Kissack tell tales from his new book, from Emma Goldman to “spectacular sex crime trials.” Be sure to put up your mohawk, wear your spiked leather jacket, and yell “Anarchy!” after everything he says.  
**“Summer Lovin’: A Sex Tour with Jane Tollini”** Magic Theatre (Southside), Building D, Fort Mason, Marina at Laguna, SF; [www.crowdedfire.org](http://www.crowdedfire.org). 7:30pm, \$30. This fundraiser for Crowded Fire Theater Company features Jane Tollini, the 56-year-old grandmother and tour guide for the SF Zoo’s “Sex Tour,” on which this talk is based. Hilarious, smutty, and zoologically accurate, Ms. Tollini will teach you more than you ever wanted to know about wild humping.

### THURSDAY 31

**Solar Eclipse Viewing Party** Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon, SF; (415) 563-7337. 9pm-5:15am, \$11-16. The Exploratorium has sent its fifth eclipse expedition team to China’s Xinjiang Autonomous Region, near the Mongolian border, to clock footy of a full solar eclipse. Why? So you can put on your jammies, sleep over at the museum, and enjoy films, live music, and dance troupes. You can also “Ask an Astronomer,” craft your own noisemaker, do tai chi, and just generally party down instead of spending half your savings to freeze your ass off on some far-flung mountainside to see it.

### FRIDAY 1

**SF Games** Muddy’s, 1304 Valencia, SF; [www.sfgames.org](http://www.sfgames.org). 7pm-midnight, free. Let’s say you don’t feel like getting too loose on a Friday night, but you don’t want to stay at home watching *Forensic Files* either. Why not hit Muddy’s for a cappuccino and a game of Risk, or chess, or checkers, or whataveyou? In the words of Judd Nelson as John Bender: “So it’s sort of social. Demented and sad, but social.” (Not really ... I think I’d rather play board games than have to elbow my way through a crowded bar of bridge and tunnel goons.)

### SATURDAY 2

**Aloha Festival** Presidio Parade Grounds, Lincoln Blvd and Graham; 281-0221. 10am-5pm, free. Also Sun/3. The Aloha Fest is keeping the island spirit alive in the Bay for 14 years, and this year is no different, with ukelele and guitar workshops, outrigger canoe races, an *ohana* (family) corner, and over two dozen music and dance troupes — all for free. I’m sure all of this would be enjoyable, but chances are you’ll find this *haole* (gringo) eating a quarter of his body weight in kalua pig and falling asleep under the nearest tree.

**BAY AREA**  
**Port Huron Project 5: The Liberation of Our People** DeFremery Park, 1651 Adeline, Oakl; 5pm, free. Following a short set by Youth Radio DJs, the Port Huron Project, in association with the Oakland Museum of California, will reenact Angela Davis’s historic 1969 speech. While clenched fists are probably okay, please don’t wear your giant afro wig.

### SUNDAY 3

**Aloha Festival** Presidio Parade Grounds, Lincoln Blvd and Graham, SF; 281-0221. 10am-5pm, free. **SFBG**



## film

The new queer Argentine cinema is partly powered by Inés Efron, whose terrific performances energize *XXY* (left and center), where she plays an intersex teenager, and Alexis Dos Santos's 2006 *Glue*, where she's one-third of a relaxedly bisexual love triangle. The movement might have been started by Veronica Chen's 2001 film *Smokers Only*, though her 2006 follow-up, *Agua* (right), was a big leap — or stroke — forward. | *XXY* PHOTOS COURTESY OF FILM MOVEMENT



# Jet boy, jet girl

A teenage life that's as wild and difficult as *XXY*

By Lynn Rapoport  
 > a&eletters@sfbg.com

A father sits at the bedside of his child and, when asked what he is doing, softly answers, "I'm looking after you." Words and tone and eyes convey anxiety, fatigue, and overwhelming tenderness, and this complicated admixture quietly telegraphs, to the viewer and the child on-screen, in the aftermath of trauma and terrifying distress, a heart-calming constant: that, as he tells another character, from the moment of her birth, he has always seen her as perfect.

This flawless child, Alex (Inés Efron), the emotional focal point of Lucía Puenzo's *XXY*, is also a moody, unpredictable 15-year-old, and her own complicated admixture is spiked by impetuosity, caprice, casual cruelty, and a tendency to press at the boundaries of those in her orbit. She's also captivating, forcefully intelligent, and unreservedly herself, even while holding the world at bay to protect a secret, even in the process of feeling her way, via impulse and reflection, toward an understanding of what, exactly, that self is.

Decisions made before Alex's birth

have, in a sense, led to this sweet and sorrowful exchange between father and daughter. She was born intersex, with both male and female sexual characteristics, and raised female (perhaps based on test results and the best guesses of doctors, though this is never stated outright). Her parents, Kraken (Ricardo Darín), a marine biologist, and Suli (Valeria Bertuccelli), decided to forgo a so-called normalizing surgery for Alex: in essence, a dubious attempt to impose a firm gender identity at birth. Without ever fully conquering their own unease and fears for a beloved child, they have left her in possession of the facts and the right to make her own choices — an emotional, improvised, and at times visceral process.

The task, grown more difficult with adolescence, takes on a painful new weight when Erika (Carolina Peleritti), an old friend of Suli's from Buenos Aires; her husband, Ramiro (Germán Palacios); and their teenage son, Alvaro (Martín Piroyansky), come to visit the family's home on the southern coast of Uruguay, where they moved shortly after Alex's birth. This other family of three, with its own fraught relationship between father

and child, carry with them the social dictates and preconceptions Alex's parents have sought to shield her from by living in an isolated place. They can't, of course, shield her, and Alex is changing already, with or without the interference of strangers, but their arrival invests her process of discoveries with a sense of urgency, of necessity. In part this is because Ramiro, a renowned plastic surgeon, has come intending to recommend and advise them on "corrective" surgery. But the attraction that forms between his son and Alex exerts its own force on both of them, and for Alex such a connection inevitably involves the desire to reveal herself (literally and otherwise) and the risk of betrayal that attends such exposure.

Puenzo's first full-length film, *XXY* is beautifully shot by cinematographer Natasha Braier and, save for a few false notes, well scripted — its silences and ambiguities and transfixing images engaging our imagination and sympathy. However, much of the credit for its successes (it has won numerous international awards, including several at Cannes in 2007 and Frameline 2008's audience award for best feature) falls to Efron's portrayal of Alex, whom we come to view with that same potent compound of emotions that she raises in those who watch over her in the film. **SFBG**

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## A QUICK GUIDE TO THE NEW QUEER ARGENTINE CINEMA

After *Burnt Money* (2000), Marcelo Pineyro's conventionally entertaining true crime tale of gay bank robbers, queer blooms began to grow within the wilder garden of new Argentine cinema. Here's a guide:

**Smokers Only** (Veronica Chen, 2001) Chen's debut — about a hustler who sometimes tricks in ATM stalls and the goth girl who becomes obsessed with him — is probably the first chapter of the new queer Argentine cinema. Unfortunately, it's boring and pretentious, built around an object of affection who isn't as compelling as he is cute.

**Suddenly** (Diego Lerman, 2002) B. Ruby Rich (as quoted on Michael Guillen's Web site the Evening Class): "A queer empathic ... lesbian romantic escapade. If you've never seen or heard of [*Suddenly*], you're missing your chance to see a young woman abducted at knifepoint by the lesbian street punks that desire her."

**Ronda Nocturna** (Edgardo Cozarinsky, 2005) A veteran director who fled Argentina in 1974 following the reelection of Juan Perón, Cozarinsky returned from exile to make this film. At least partly inspired by Chen's *Smokers Only*, he borrows from that film's night-in-the-life-of-a-hustler scenario. But *Ronda Nocturna* is hotter, wiser, and more far-reaching in its bottoms-up view of corruption in urban Argentina.

**Agua** (Veronica Chen, 2006) Chen's follow-up to *Smokers Only* isn't queer in story line, but its gaze at the male body in motion — and masculine psyche — is a beyond-Claire Denis case of female eye for the straight guy in turn for the queer guy. Handsome lead actor Rafael Ferro builds on his memorable appearance in *Ronda Nocturna*. A burst of pure athletic cinema with moments that match 2006's *Zidane* (on a much lower budget) in their intense interiority, *Agua* refreshes.

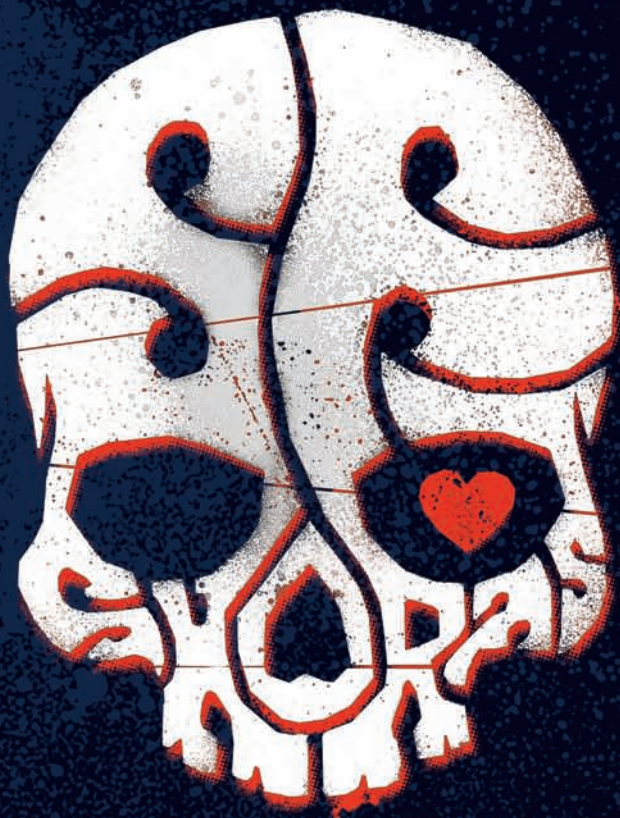
**Glue** (Alexis Dos Santos, 2006) A triumph of intimate collaboration between a trio of young actors and a new director, Alexis Dos Santos' first movie takes the bi-way to becoming maybe the best — or at least most honest and deep — teen movie of the 21st century so far. Lead actress Inés Efron's brave gawky beauty reveals what's been lacking from American cinema since the heydays of Sissy Spacek and Shelley Duvall.

**La Leon** (Santiago Otheguy, 2007) Perhaps influenced by Lisandro Alonso, this handsome black-and-white feature scopes out alienation, attraction, and phobic intolerance in the Paraná Delta.

**XXY** (Lucía Puenzo, 2007) Efron returns in the role of an intersex teenager, delivering another superb performance. (**Johnny Ray Huston**)



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FILM



*Kenny*

**» REVIEW** This first feature by the Jacobson brothers — director Clayton and leading actor Shane, also coscenarists — is about a beleaguered working-class stiff. His disgraceful (to everyone but him) job is delivering and maintaining rental portaloos (read: portable toilets) to various public events, many attracting patrons who can't keep their aim straight or food down. *Kenny* has a bratty son, a vicious ex-wife, unreliable coworkers, an endlessly criticizing father, and myriad other woes. But this being an underdog comedy — and a mockumentary to boot — we know that somehow he will come out on top, and maybe even find Ms. Right en route. I know what you're thinking: either (a) this sounds like (pun intended) crap, and/or (b) what, they let Rob Schneider make another movie? But take a deep breath and overcome those very reasonable fears, because — no kidding — *Kenny* is one of those films that sneaks up on you, at first seeming "not so bad," then "pretty cute, actually." Then before you know it, you're grinning ear-to-ear, pants duly charmed off. Its pudgy, pincushion protagonist, with his hilariously tossed-off bits of wisdom, for a while seems to have the odds stacked almost too cruelly against him — indeed, we see him having to eat shit from just about everyone. But when fate unexpectedly sends him on a far-flung business trip, luck starts turning around for Kenny in ways that are raffishly funny and surprisingly sweet. A lot of folks have tried doing the semi-improv Christopher Guest thing in recent years, usually badly. This Aussie effort not only pulls it off, it manages better results than Guest himself has managed since 2000's *Best in Show*. **(Dennis Harvey)**

**KENNY** runs Fri/1–Sun/3 at the Red Vic Movie House. See Rep Clock for times.

Film listings are edited by Cheryl Eddy. Reviewers are Kimberly Chun, Max Goldberg, Dennis Harvey, Johnny Ray Huston, Maria Komodore, Lynn Rapoport, Sara Schieron, Jason Shamai, and Matt Sussman. The film intern is Amber Humphrey. For rep house showtimes, see Rep Clock, page 158. For first-run showtimes, see Movie Guide. For complete film listings, see [sfbg.com](http://sfbg.com). Due to early *Guardian* deadlines, theater information was incomplete at press time.

#### SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The 28th San Francisco Jewish Film Festival runs through August 11 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro, SF; Roda Theatre, 2025 Addison, Berk; CineArts @ Palo Alto Square, 3000 El Camino Real, Bldg Six, Palo Alto; and the Smith Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St, San Rafael. Tickets (most shows \$12) and additional information are available at [www.sfjff.org](http://www.sfjff.org). All times pm unless otherwise noted.

#### WED/30

**Castro** *Tulip Time: The Rise and Fall of the Trio Lescano* with "Every Day the Impossible: Jewish Women in the Partisans" 2. *To See if I'm Smiling and Facing the Wind* 4. *Facing Windows* 6:30. *Arab Labor* (episodes 1-3) 9:30.

#### THURS/31

**Castro** *Perlasca, An Italian Hero* 12:30. *Praying in Her Own Voice* with "Four Questions for a Rabbi" 3:15. *Tehilim* 6. *Emotional Arithmetic* 8:30.

#### SAT/2

**Roda** *Black Over White* and *Bridge Over the Wadi* 11:30am. *The Quest for the Missing Piece and Mom, I Didn't Kill Your Daughter* 2. *Bilin My Love* 4:15.

*Love Comes Lately* 6:45. *Emotional Arithmetic* 9:15. **CineArts** *A Hebrew Lesson* 11:45am. *At Home in Utopia* with "My Olympic Summer" 2:30. *Praying in Her Own Voice* with "Four Questions for a Rabbi" 4:30. *Strangers* 6:45. *Two Lives Plus One* 8:45. **JCC** *Operation Mural Casablanca 1961* and *Baghdad Twist* 12:30. *A Fool's Dream* and *Georgia My Love* 2:30. *In the Family* 5. *Tel Aviv by Girls* 7. *Flipping Out* 9:30.

#### SUN/3

**Roda** *Out of Focus* and *Dancing Alfonso* 11am. *Blessed Is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh* with "Every Day the Impossible: Jewish Women in the Partisans" 1:15. *Praying in Her Own Voice* with "Four Questions for a Rabbi" 4:15. *At Home in Utopia* with "My Olympic Summer" 7:15. *Flipping Out* 9:30. **CineArts** *Miss Universe 1929 – Lisl Goldarbeiter, A Queen in Wien* 11:30am. *Three Times Divorced with The Film Class* 1:15. *Volevo Solo Vivere (I Only Wanted to Live)* 4:15. *Tehilim* 6:15. *Tel Aviv by Girls* 8:45. **JCC** *Spell Your Name* 11:30am. *Arab Labor* (episodes 1-3) 1:30. *Arab Labor* (episodes 4-6) 4. *Arab Labor* (episodes 7-9) 6:30. *The Quest for the Missing Piece and Mom, I Didn't Kill Your Daughter* 9.

#### MON/4

**Roda** *Darling! The Pieter-Dirk Uys Story and Stefan Braun* 2. *Volevo Solo Vivere (I Only Wanted to Live)* 4:30. *Facing Windows* 7. *Arab Labor* (episodes 1, 4, and 5) 9:45. **CineArts** *We Were Exodus* 1. *Being Jewish in France* 3:15. *Love Comes Lately* 7. *In Treatment* 9.

#### TUES/5

**Roda** *Saved by Deportation: An Unknown Odyssey*

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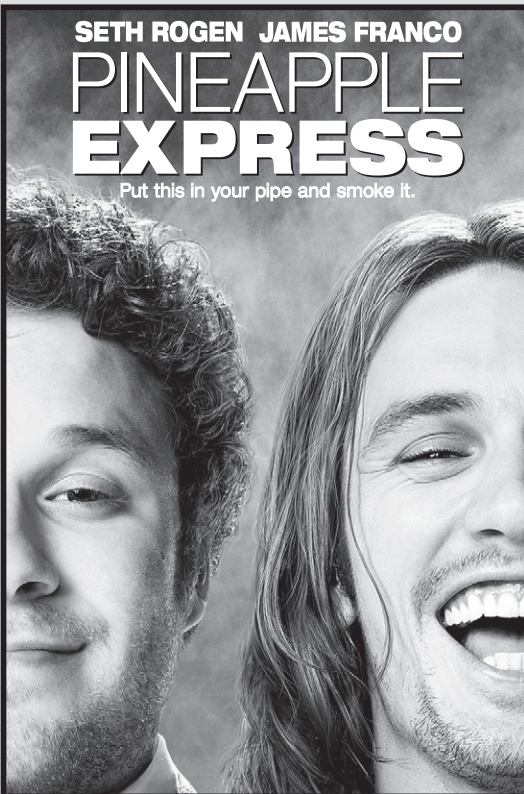
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## OPENING

**American Teen** When is a documentary so slick that it's not a documentary? You might ask yourself that while enjoying Nanette Burstein's portrait of senior year for several high schoolers in an Indiana small town. *American Teen* seems staged, and the ultraslick packaging — including animated sequences that caricature the subjects' dreams — feels like an upscale version of reality entertainment. (1:35) (Harvey)

**Baghead** Aside from the motion sickness-inducing camerawork, the most discomforting aspect of *The Blair Witch Project* was watching the film student trio's initially convivial dynamic splinter apart into accusation-filled paranoia. Hell is other people — especially when you're frightened and mapless in the great outdoors. The Duplass Brothers (*The Puffy Chair*, 2005) are far more forgiving towards the four actors lost in the woods in their latest no-budget feature *Baghead*. Sick of waiting for a break, suave Matt (Ross Partridge) and schlubby bud Chad (Steve Zissis) decide to brainstorm a screenplay at a relative's remote cabin. Tagging along is Matt's longtime flame, the fortysomething Catherine (played to Dina Lohan-esque perfection by Elise Muller) and the younger, bubbly Michelle (the always wonderful Greta Gerwig of *Hannah Takes the Stairs* and *LOL*) — who Chad has the unrequited hots for. The group's alcohol-fueled, weekend-long attempt to write a horror vehicle for themselves quickly becomes derailed by interpersonal messiness, unfulfilled desires, and petty jealousy (and one possibly real psychopath). There's far more screaming than mumbling in *Baghead*, but the nimble, nonprofessional cast handles their characters' mood swings — and the film's manic shifts from sudden terror to pathetic comedy — with all the grit and grace of professional figure skaters. (1:24) (Sussman)

**Before I Forget** Jacques Nolet's *Before I Forget* opens with a stark animated image: a black circle appears from the center of a white background and slowly enlarges in size, eventually swallowing the frame. It's a fitting visual analog for the stark course laid out in Nolet's unadorned and unsparing film, the third part of a loosely autobiographical trilogy about the crossroads of being gay, gray, and middle-aged that started with the homecoming drama *Hinterland* (1998) and moved city-ward to the ad hoc community of the stag house in *Porn Theater* (2002). Nolet plays Pierre, a former gigolo turned writer nearing 60 who finds himself outliving his loved ones though he has been diagnosed with HIV for 24 years. We observe Pierre in his autumn years trying to write, chatting up old gigolo pals about money woes, blowing the grocery bill and complaining to his therapist about the incessant creep of age. With his elegant mustache and slimming linen suits, Pierre strives to maintain the outward appearance of the type of gentleman who once sought and bought his favors, despite his growing paunch and modest income. But his clothes and twinkling eyes cloak the shame he feels towards his increasing physical fragility, just as his casual nihilism ("Pasolini must have been terrified. Shit, it was a beautiful death," he says admiringly) underscores his need for someone, anyone, to listen to him. By the film's haunting end, we have returned to the blackness of the opening shot. Pierre in full drag (part of an arrangement with a sadistic trick) teeters unevenly on his heels, smoking and staring into the shadowy entrance to a porn theater as Mahler's Third Symphony broods on the soundtrack. In his final incarnation, Pierre is the Dionysian inversion of Dirk Bogarde's pancaked chicken hawk dying on Lido in *Death in Venice* (1971). Having nothing left to lose, he follows his streetwalking Tadzio into the underworld, both defiant and defeated. (1:48) *Sundance Kabuki*. (Sussman)

**Kabluey** Scott Prendergast's first feature as writer-director-star is the kind of too-slim slice of whimsy that overestimates how far one "quirky" concept can stretch — not to 90 minutes, at least. He plays Salman, an underemployed loser reluctantly imported to the suburban split-level of sister-in-law Leslie (Lisa Kudrow) when the requirements of her job and two hyperactive children — exacerbated by a military husband's Iraq deployment — push her to the breaking point. Charged with minding house and brats as well as he can, which initially isn't very well at all, Salman also finds a job of sorts as 'Kabluey,' the vaguely Smurf-like costumed mascot to an underpopulated office complex. The gig consists of his standing by the side of the freeway, sweltering in his costume, presumably attracting future tenants. Despite all the deadpan tenor, surrealist fillips, and inadequately utilized name actors

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(Christine Taylor, Chris Parnell, Teri Garr, Conchata Ferrell), there just isn't enough going on here to make for more than a mildly amusing time-waster. In the middle of its inconsequence, however, Kudrow gives a fiercely committed performance as a woman who didn't sign on for single parenting, and whose stresses are wearing her down to one angry nub. (1:26) (Harvey)

**Kenny** See pick box. (1:40) *Red Vic*.

**Midnight Meat Train** This horror film is based on a short story by Clive Barker — in case you were wondering who gets props for the title. (1:35)

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** Brendan Fraser returns to battle more undead baddies — this time, Jet Li costars as an ancient ruler who comes back to life with world domination on his mind. (1:44)

**1000 Journals** Inspired by the random acts of art and personal confession found in public bathroom stalls, a San Francisco-based graphic artist known as Someguy sent 1000 blank journals out into the world. Stamped on the inside of each journal were these instructions: "This is an experiment and you are a part of it. Add anything you like, then pass it on." Intrigued by this project, director Andrea Kreuzhage decided to track down these journals, which have made their way to 35 countries, including France, Australia, and Iceland. As interviewees describe the journal's serendipitous arrival, the challenge to find their creative voice, and the reluctance to part with the work of art they've helped create, Kreuzhage shows the remarkably profound impact that Someguy's idea has had on the lives of those lucky enough to participate. Occasionally poignant — one woman desperately tries to locate the journal that her recently deceased brother contributed to — and humorous, as when two young women in Australia take it upon themselves to spruce up a few entries they find dull, *1000 Journals* is a celebration of global creativity. (1:28) (Humphrey)

**Swing Vote** Kevin Costner would just like to remind you that every vote counts. (2:00)

**XXY** See "Jet boy, jet girl," page 147. (1:26)

## ONGOING

**Brideshead Revisited** Middle-class Londoner Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode) fits awkwardly into the elite atmosphere of 1920s Oxford University until he's abruptly taken under the butterfly wings of Sebastian Flyte (Ben Whishaw), a flamboyant fellow student with an enormously pedigreed background. Charles gets a peek at that when Sebastian takes him to see the family's country estate (a literal castle). But he doesn't understand why his friend is so skittish about the family itself until he meets formidable Lady Marchmain (Emma Thompson), a staunch Catholic embittered by her husband's abandonment. Her children variously bow to or rebel against this strict maternal authority: Sebastian drinks while sister Julia (Hayley Atwell) plays the insouciant flapper. But mamma's heavy indoctrination of religious guilt ultimately controls their fates — and atheist Charles' as well, since his different yet equally fervent affections for both Sebastian and Julia can only do so much to pry them from the well-intentioned traps of "sin" and "atonement." Speaking of which, this is better than last year's *Atonement*, being directed by Julian Jarrold with exquisite restraint rather than tempting, self-conscious stylistic overkill. Fans of the novel (or the extremely faithful 1981 BBC miniseries, which ran 11 hours) may quibble at the narrative changes scenarists Andrew Davies and Jeremy Brock made here and there to fit Evelyn Waugh's essential themes into a two hours-plus framework. But the spirit remains intact. Finely cast, handsomely produced, the closest thing we've gotten to a serious mainstream gay romance (albeit an unrequited one) since 2005's *Brokeback Mountain* — even as it hews to the book's primarily heterosexual outlook — this melancholy, poignant, very satisfying epic is likely the best costume Brit Lit adaptation in years. (2:13) (Harvey)

**Chris and Don: A Love Story** (1:30)

**CSNY: Déjà vu** (1:36)

**The Dark Knight** (2:20)

**The Edge of Heaven** (1:56)

**Elsa and Fred** (1:46)

**Encounters at the End of the World** (1:39)

**Full Grown Men** (1:20)

**Get Smart** (1:51)

**Gonzo: The Life and Work of Hunter S. Thompson** (1:58) *Smith Rafael*.

**Hancock** (1:35)

**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (1:50)

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (2:02)

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** (1:33)

**Kit Kittredge: An American Girl** (1:40)

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## 8/15 Frozen River



Filmed in sub-zero weather in upstate New York, writer/director Courtney Hunt's award-winning debut feature is set in a real-life smuggling zone on a Native American reservation between New York State and Quebec, where the lure of fast money presents a daily challenge to single moms who would otherwise be making minimum wage.

## 9/19 Towelhead



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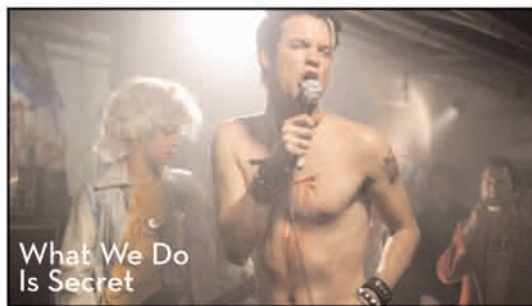
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▶ **The Last Mistress** (1:54)  
▶ **Mamma Mia!** (2:02)  
▶ **Meet Dave** (1:30)  
▶ **Mongol** (2:04) *Smith Rafael*.  
▶ **My Winnipeg** (1:20) *Smith Rafael*.  
▶ **Roman de gare** (1:43)  
▶ **Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired** “I like young women, as do most men, I think,” Roman Polanski confesses in the opening sequence of Marina Zenovich’s fascinating new documentary, *Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired*. Few artists could recite such a controversial preamble as convincingly as this infamous auteur, loved and reviled with equal fervor after a 45-year career. While it focuses on the Hollywood rape scandal that enveloped

Polanski in the spring of 1977, and his subsequent flight from the law, *Wanted and Desired* doesn’t portray the oft-demonized director as a villain or a victim. Instead, it renders him as an inscrutable outsider and *poète maudit*. Through an excellent assortment of press footage and interviews, including talks with alleged rape victim Samantha Geimer, Zenovich reviews if not reopens *California vs. Roman Raymond Polanski*. She does so with a meticulous eye toward correcting inconsistencies and misconceptions. Polanski was no stranger to tragedy and controversy. As a young boy, he survived the Holocaust on the streets of Krakow after most of his family was shipped to Auschwitz. After a successful career in London and Hollywood in the 1960s, he was again devastated when his pregnant wife, Sharon Tate, was murdered by Charles Manson’s “family.” By the ’70s, Polanski had a licentious reputation, abetted by his dark, often Faustian films. Enter 13-year-old Geimer, a California innocent pushed by her ambitious mother into a nude photography shoot with Polanski. The events of the night that followed would haunt the director and his young

victim for decades. Some critics will probably deride *Wanted and Desired* as pure hagiography, or worse yet, a legitimization of Polanski’s crimes and subsequent fugitive status. But Zenovich’s intentions circumnavigate any idol worship, as her refusal to err toward his guilt or exoneration makes clear. Rather, *Wanted and Desired*’s stinging invective of Hollywood justice places much of the blame on a starstruck media and judiciary. (1:39) *Roxie*. (Erik Morse)  
▶ **Sex and the City: The Movie** (2:10)  
▶ **Space Chimps** (1:21)  
▶ **Step Brothers** (1:38)  
▶ **Tell No One** (2:05) *Smith Rafael*.  
▶ **The Unknown Woman** (1:58) *Smith Rafael*.  
▶ **The Visitor** (1:58)  
▶ **The Wackness** (1:35)  
▶ **WALL•E** (1:38)  
▶ **Wanted** (1:53)  
▶ **The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (1:44)

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**The Sorcerers** Out looking for kicks, handsome, bored young Swinging Londoner Ian Ogilvy is lured by the promise of “intoxication without hangover, ecstasy without consequence” to a dreary flat belonging to a seemingly innocuous elderly couple (Boris Karloff, Catherine Lacey). A few flashing psychedelic lights and electronic-music squallings later, he’s somehow been hypnotized so that they can control his actions without his knowing — and experience whatever sensations he does. For once Karloff isn’t the monster here, nor even the young man as his deeds (conveniently blacked out from memory later) escalate from theft to murder. Rather, it’s the little old lady who after

decades of deprivation (there was some sort of ruinous scandal in the past) becomes addicted to the thrill of vicariously experienced aberrant behavior. Staggering around post-orgasmically in a state of demented “liberation” once she’s gotten our hapless protagonist to kill someone (a sexy chick in lingerie, of course), she’s quite the sicko granny. British director and coscenarist Michael Reeves is a minor legend in horror circles, not so much for what he achieved as for the pathos of his unfulfilled promise: in 1969, while preparing a big-budget Edgar Allen Poe adaptation, he died from an accidental barbiturate overdose at age 25. His first feature (1965’s *She Beast* starring ’60s scream queen Barbara Steele) suffered from low-grade writing and production; his last, 1968’s *The Witchfinder General*, was a truly harrowing portrait of religious hysteria and hypocrisy, with Vincent Price in rare dead-serious form as a sadistic inquisitor terrorizing 17th-century English peasantry with torture and death in the name of purging witchcraft. The prior year’s *Sorcerers*, which has been very difficult to see for years, proves a bit of a letdown. The fascinating, perverse concept isn’t fully served by execution that (no doubt in part due to censorship guidelines at the time) seems unwilling or unable to push it as far as it might go. (Also, the nice 16mm print showing here has had a couple violent bits hacked out, probably for 1970s TV showings.) Nonetheless, genre fans will want to catch this very rare screening of a film that’s been more discussed than seen for decades. Most shocking revelation: that the antique shop where Ogilvy (who was in all of Reeves’ movies, and subsequently guest-starred on everything from *Upstairs, Downstairs* to *Baywatch*) works is named, unless my eyes deceived, the Glory Hole. (1:27) August 6, 7:30 p.m., \$5. See Rep Clock for location. *Hypnodrome*. (Harvey) **SFBG**



**Jet Li stars as the titular tomb-dweller (for a mummy, he looks pretty well-preserved, eh?) in *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor*, out Fri/25. | PHOTO BY JASIN BOLAND**

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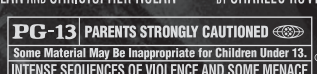
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FILE NO. A-0312515-00 The following person is doing business as **CONCIERGE OF SAN FRANCISCO**, 910 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA 94107. A.J. California Mini Bus, Inc., 910 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA 94107. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date 6/19/08. Signed Gil Sharabi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Lena Lee on June 19, 2008. **July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 2008. L#424201.**

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FILE NO. A-0312791-00 The following person is doing business as **THE WHOLE BODY WORKSHOP**, 3150 18th St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Benjamin J. Ferrari-Church, 44 Duane St., Redwood City, CA 94062. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date N/A. Signed Benjamin J. Ferrari-Church. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Maribel Jaldon on July 1, 2008. **July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008. L#424102.**

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FILE NO. A-0312840-00 The following person is doing business as **THIRD RAIL DESIGN LAB**, 601 Minnesota St., Studio 216, San Francisco, CA 94107. Thomas Brian Chiaramonte, 601 Minnesota St., #216, San Francisco, CA 94107. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date 7/3/08. Signed Thomas Chiaramonte. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Jeanette Yu on July 3, 2008. **July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2008. L#424101.**

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FILE NO. A-0312875-00 The following person is doing business as **URBAN YOGIS**, 2872 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94110. Anthony P. Biduck, 2872 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94110. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date N/A. Signed Anthony P. Biduck. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Magdalena Zevallos on July 7, 2008. **July 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 2008. L#424301.**

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FILE NO. A-0312901-00 The following person is doing business as **BLOODWIZARD**, 2333 Mission St. #6, San Francisco, CA 94110. Justin B. Visser, Antonius Dintcho, Ronald A. Coronel, Rico C. Castro, Emile G. Janicot, 2333 Mission St. #6, San Francisco, CA 94110. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date N/A. Signed Justin Visser. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Mariedyne L. Argente on July 8, 2008. **July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 2008. L#424202.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. A-0312901-00 The following person is doing business as **ESOTERIC BODY**, 541 Mississippi St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Michael Sims, 541 Mississippi St., San Francisco, CA 94107. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date 7/8/08. Signed Michael Sims. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Jeanette Yu on July 08, 2008. **July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 2008. L#424203.**

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FILE NO. A-0312915-00 The following person is doing business as **WICKER-WICKER-WICKER**, 485 B. Carolina St., San Francisco, CA 94107. William Offen, 8320 Cabrillo Hwy, Montara, CA 94037. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced business under the above-listed fictitious business name on the date N/A. Signed William Offen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA by Maribel Jaldon on July 8, 2008. **July 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 2008. L#424204.**  
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**In the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada in and for Carson City**  
BRAD JAMES AULTMAN, Plaintiff, Vs. BELLEN ABOD AULTMAN, Defendant.  
**SUMMONS**  
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ARIES

**March 21–April 19**  
Love has a crush on you! She keeps on trying to whisper some sweetness in your ear, but you're so focused on your fears that you don't hear a thing. Don't let insecurity blind you to the pleasures available. Perk up and listen to your serenade.

TAURUS

**April 20–May 20**  
This week's celestial opposition of Neptune and Venus will talk to your inner grump, melting its cranky heart. Be centered enough to connect to others with warmth and openness, and wise enough to stay grounded. Pace yourself in matters of the heart, so your jaded ways can't say, "I told you so."

GEMINI

**May 21–June 21**  
It's your party and you can cry if you want to. Indeed, it's best for you to stay in touch with your feelings now, even the sad-sack ones. You are painfully engaged in breaking old and worn-out emotional patterns. Don't get so distracted by the individual trees that you miss the big old forest all around you.

CANCER

**June 22–July 22**  
Be wary of putting yourself out there with such force that others strengthen their fences instead of welcoming you in. Enthusiasm comes off like aggression if a person isn't careful, especially if you're at all edgy. Be a smooth operator by bringing your calm to the table.

By Jessica Lanyadoo

Jessica Lanyadoo has been a psychic dreamer for 14 years. Check out her Web site at [www.lovelanyadoo.com](http://www.lovelanyadoo.com) or contact her for an individual astrology or intuitive reading at [psychicdream@sfbg.com](mailto:psychicdream@sfbg.com).

LEO

**July 23–Aug. 22**  
Giddy-up, Leo! Overcome emotional baggage this week as you put yourself out there, and leave your fears at the door. It's not about teaching an old horse new tricks; it's more about actually pulling those tricks off, partner. Step up and share with others in a loving way that allows everyone to grow.

VIRGO

**Aug. 23–Sept. 22**  
This week, take your insights and put them to use. Stop eating dairy if it gives you a stomachache, be nice to grumpy neighbors, get out of an unhappy relationship, or stop texting your pals with your broken finger. Big or small, do what it takes to actualize your self-knowledge and enjoy your life more.

LIBRA

**Sept. 23–Oct. 22**  
Familiarity breeds expectation, Libra. Frustrations with your peeps threaten to incite a riot when you should be pursuing diplomatic negotiations. Be open to seeing new things in the folks you know well, and let them do the same with you. Don't let expectations blind you to the changes we're all entitled to make.

SCORPIO

**Oct. 23–Nov. 21**  
You've got some bad habits that need to change. Insecurity and low self-esteem are the results of poor boundaries. Step up and challenge the ways you approach self-care, even if it means saying no to someone you're used to saying yes to. No good can come from sticking to roles you've outgrown.

SAGITTARIUS

**Nov. 22–Dec. 21**  
Think with your little mind all you like, Sag, but it's the big mind you should pay attention to. That pesky little brain wants attention, flattery, and credit cards with no limits. But that bigger head of yours is all about warmth, connection, and sustainability. Don't be seduced by shallow quick-fixes.

CAPRICORN

**Dec. 22–Jan. 19**  
Oh, you stubborn goat! You have the opportunity to see broken-down situations in a whole new way. Don't try to freeze everything around you so nothing changes, dies, or grows. This attitude will take you nowhere in a hurry. Slow down and use your head — it's time to let something go.

AQUARIUS

**Jan. 20–Feb. 18**  
What kind of leader are you? Do you rule with an iron fist? Do you pretend to be asking when you're really just telling? Take account of how you handle authority and power, Love Child. Now is not the time to rush things — unless you want to be a tiny tyrant forced to eat humble pie.

PISCES

**Feb. 19–March 20**  
It's an inside job this week: you are the landscaper of your inner garden and it's your personal pruning season. You have to cultivate your composure, plant your best intentions, and cut back unwanted growth. Develop a lush and balanced inner world you can invite others to share. **SFBG**

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1. Muslim journey  
5. Trinidadian, e.g.  
10. Sandwiches that might be made with heirlooms  
14. Citrus hybrid  
15. "Access Hollywood" co-host Nancy  
16. "I think I broke it ..."  
17. Ass  
18. Make higher  
19. Like some vinyl or footage  
20. Male breakdancer with a feminine sobriquet?  
23. Pago Pago residents  
26. "Let me rephrase that ..."  
27. South Africa 2010 chant  
28. "Ender's Game" author Scott Card  
30. Coming-of-age on wheels?  
32. U.S. Open units  
36. Mandela's party: Abbr.  
37. Alternative to the morning-after pill  
38. Me, abroad  
39. Of the flock  
41. Prozac?  
45. Speak one's mind  
47. British film monthly  
48. Mexican mescal capital  
51. Band with "I"  
52. Be intimidated by good judgment?  
55. C shapes  
56. Like neon  
57. "Well, lookie here ..."  
61. \_\_\_\_-Brite  
62. Ringo or Kenneth  
63. Sweat spot  
64. Knox \_\_\_\_ (one of Angelina's new twins)  
65. Show on which Hillary Clinton first alluded to the "vast right-wing conspiracy"  
66. Remove from a position

Down

1. SFO, for Virgin America, e.g.  
2. Some time \_\_\_\_  
3. Marc Anthony's wife, casually  
4. Sailing spar  
5. Royal crown  
6. Two-\_\_\_\_ (grueling football practice regimen)  
7. Jockey's strap  
8. "\_\_\_\_, She Wolf of the SS"  
9. Makeup target  
10. Acts as an albatross  
11. Tibet University locale  
12. "Born \_\_\_\_"

13. Cheap Halloween costume item  
21. Resort island in the 4th most populous country in the world  
22. Stereotypically self-serious genre  
23. "The O.C." setting  
24. Rod Stewart's ex  
25. Acknowledgment to the garçon  
28. Immature egg  
29. TAG Heuer competitor  
31. "The Protocols of the Elders of \_\_\_\_" (antisemitic forgery)  
33. Forward, perhaps  
34. Girardi's predecessor as manager of the Yankees  
35. Slaw and applesauce, e.g.  
40. Make rougher  
41. Frank, notably  
42. Sometimes-dramatic NASA event  
43. Auto financing co. recently sold by its parent co.  
44. Having a high BPM  
46. Lacing agent  
48. "\_\_\_\_ the gin joints ..."  
49. High nest  
50. Art class brand  
51. Oft-quoted malapropist  
53. Golden Rule word  
54. Unpopulated  
58. One of us?  
59. \_\_\_\_ Dash  
60. Thus far

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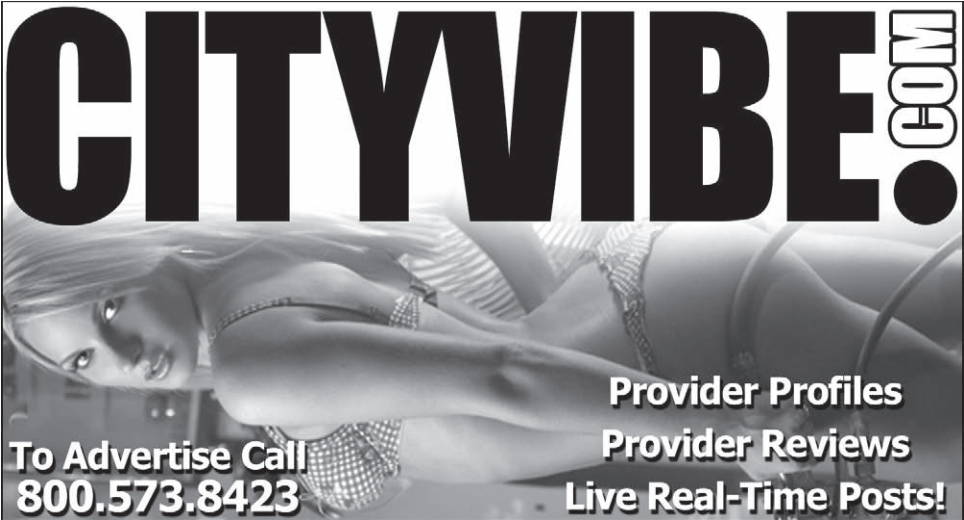
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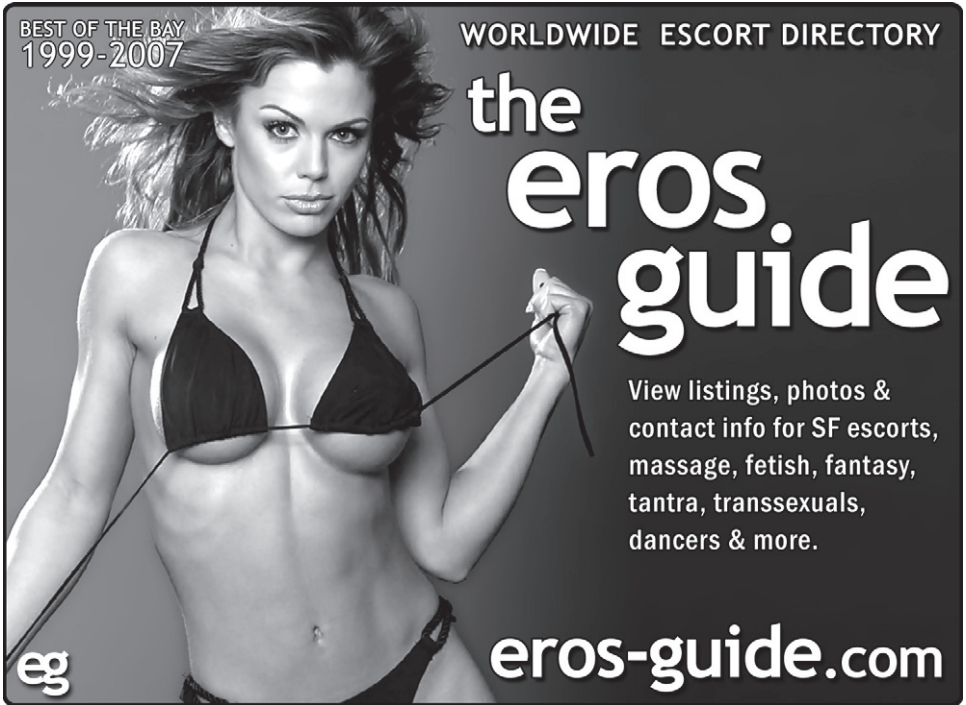
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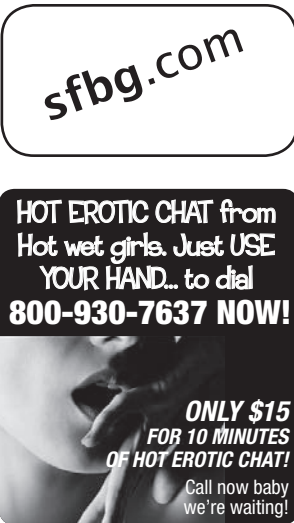
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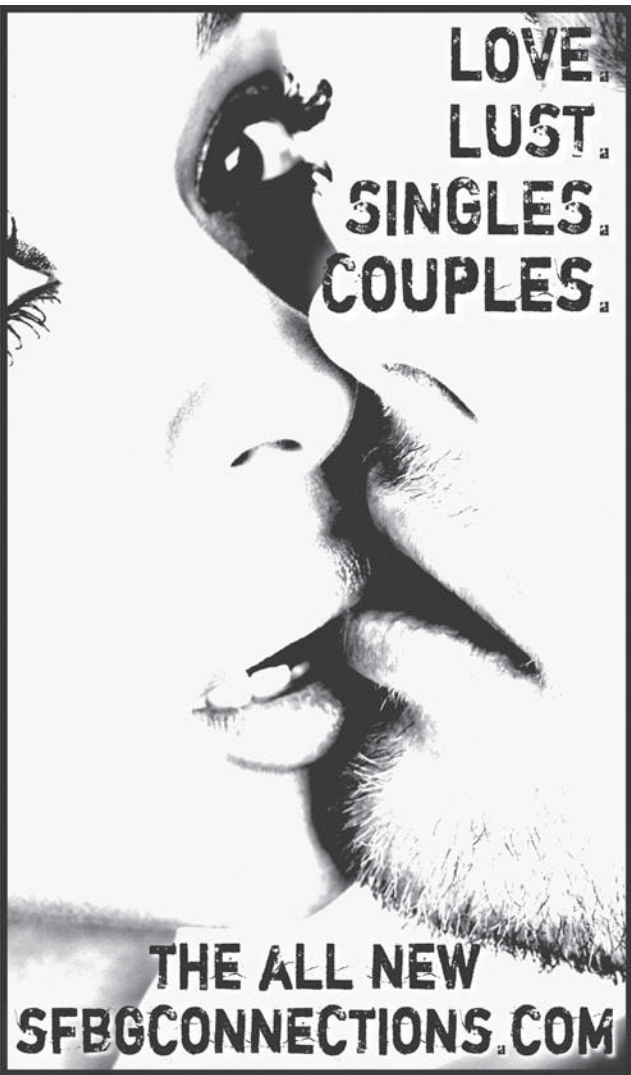
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# Aftermeth

By Andrea Nemerson  
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## Dear Andrea:

My husband had been a secret methamphetamine user since the mid-1980s. He had issues with depression and repressed anger, but I had no idea that drugs had so much to do with everything that's happened in our lives. We've always allowed each other a lot of space, so it was easy for him to hide his use and the spending that went with it.

Six months ago he finally got tired of the lies and the fear (random drug testing at work) and started rehab, and I feel I'm starting to get the man I married back. However, his confidence, libido, erections, and our sex life are all gone. He recently confessed that he was high every time we had sex for the past 10 years or so, and now that juice is gone. Blood pressure medication is compounding the problem.

Considering the number of people who never had sex without drugs and are now sober, there is precious little information about sex after sobriety. Most of what I found was along the lines of "You just need to get over the fear." It was all pretty much about having to figure it out for yourself, and nothing mentioned prescription meds. Maybe everyone really does have to find his or her own way back?

Despite some of the drug- and depression-related behaviors my husband has exhibited over the years, he is a wonderful man with many wonderful qualities, and I love him very much. I could live without the sex — my libido isn't what it used to be either — but it does make me sad to think of leaving this world without ever making love with him again. The fact that it was drug enhanced didn't make it any less great.

Is there any good information out there about sex after sobriety, especially after uppers? My husband is afraid he burned out his circuits with the drugs. I don't know what to think. Maybe six months isn't enough time to expect a transition to "normal" functioning. Going back to drugs is certainly no solution. Is there anything that can help in this situation? Trying to have a sex life without meth and with high BP meds ... maybe it's too much to ask.

Love,  
Aftermeth

## Dear After:

I could answer this myself — but why bother when My Friend the Therapist, whose practice consists largely of men whose sex lives were first fueled and then derailed by meth and subsequent sobriety, is willing to take it on? I warn you that My Friend is not given to

sugar-coating things, but he does know what he's talking about.

*There's a huge public health effort to convince people that sex without meth is great: "It's so much more (intense, intimate, meaningful, etc.) without drugs." The truth is that, for many folks, post-meth sex will be less compelling than sex on meth, and that's just the way it is. Brain chemistry versus ad campaigns: brain chemistry wins. If you start with that, you'll have better chances of having a satisfying (though possibly never again as mind-blowing) sex life. Modest expectations = better odds of success.*

*For some people, this improves after the first year or so. It takes about that long for your brain to get back on track making the appropriate endogenous chemicals, and once they're back on their own internal meds, a lot of folks experience a return of libido. If your partner is only six months sober, don't expect much yet.*

*I usually recommend starting really, really slowly. He can try jacking off a little, work up to jacking off together, and eventually do some oral. Go slow, and leave the intercourse until he really, really wants it.*

*Viagra can be helpful in a reverse kind of way. Viagra itself won't help with low sexual desire, but absence of libido plus Viagra plus calm environment plus stimulation = hard-on, which often leads to some kind of sexual activity, which then often leads to a return of some level of desire. If a heart condition is a factor, no Viagra without doctor's permission. Try some alprostadil (a prescription erection aid that doesn't affect blood pressure)) if needed.*

*Short version: start with gentle, no-expectations stimulation, don't expect much for the first year, and see how it goes. — Adam Zimbaro, MFT*

I would also suggest that your husband talk to his doctor about the meds; it's possible an adjustment might make a difference. And I do think it's worth asking for Viagra or something similar. The worst that can happen is the doc says no. I promise the doctor will not recoil with horror, gasping, "Sex with your wife? Why ever would you want me to help you have that?"

I think it's kind of criminal that people are expected to get and stay sober with so little warning that their entire sex, love, and intimacy pyramid might collapse, crash, and burn in the aftermath, and with so little information on how to rebuild it. Hope this helps.

Love, Andrea

*Andrea is home with the kids and going stir-crazy. Write her a letter! Ask her a question! Send her your tedious e-mail forwards! On second thought, don't do that. Just ask her a question.*

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**ATTRACTIVE SHF**  
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**LET'S HAVE FUN**  
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